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FOR NEW ENGLAND















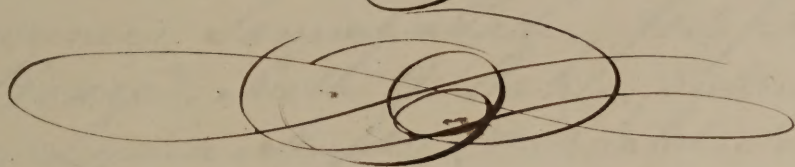








A Record of the  
Yearly Meeting of  
Ministers & Elders for  
New-England.









• A Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders  
held at Newport on Rhode Island for New  
England the 12<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> month 1847.

• Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings being  
received, the Representatives therein named are

### Rhode Island

Thomas Anthony, Rowland Greene, David Buffum,  
Beriah Collins, Edmund Chace, Joseph M. Mearns,  
John Meader, Joanna Peck, Elizabeth Shore, Elizabeth  
Wing, Elizabeth Meader, Anna C. Wing & Susan Ann  
Buffum.

### Salem.

Emek Page, Estes Nicholl, Newell Ordway, Soph-  
ronia Page, Alice Page & Mary E. Prude.

### Sandwich.

Isaac Lawrence, Samuel Shide, Joseph Davis,  
Newell Hoxie, Ruth H. Baker, Susan Howland,  
Mary Wing, Lydia Angsey & Rachel Swain.

### Falmouth.

Thomas Jones, Nathan Pope, John W. Minot,  
Elisha Jones, Nathan Douglass & Lemuel Jones.

### Smithfield.

John Osborne, Daniel Clapp, Edward Foster,  
Mary B. Allen, Phibe S. Marsh & Polly Southerick.

### Vassalboro.

Edmund Bates, John Warren, John C. Lang,  
Joseph Taber, Clement Ratchif, Deborah B. Warren,  
Margaret Ratchif, Ann Jones, & Martha J. Hodges.

### Dover.

Timothy Hanson, Joseph Tuttle, Joseph Varney, Abigail M.  
Hanson, Sarah P. Tuttle & Hanniah E. Sawyer.



# Fairfield.

(David Douglass, Samuel Taylor Jr., William  
Farr, Lydia Pope, Marcia P. Hawkes and  
Chloe Douglass.)

all present except six, for the  
absence of one, a satisfactory reason was assigned

We have at this time the acceptable company of our  
beloved friend Benjamin Seebohm of Great Britain  
with a Certificate from Brighouse Monthly Meeting  
held at Bradford in the County of York 13<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month  
1846, and Endorsement of concurrence by York Quarterly  
Meeting held at Leeds 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month 1846 and  
a Certificate from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers &  
Elders of London held on the 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> mo. 1846  
expressive of the sympathy & Unity of his friends with him  
as a gospel Minister & with his present religious engage-  
ments amongst us. Of Robert Lindsay of Great Britain  
companion to Benjamin Seebohm with a Certificate from  
Brighouse Monthly Meeting held at Bradford County of  
York 18<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> mo. 1846 and endorsement of concurrence by  
York Quarterly Meeting held at York 23<sup>rd</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> mo. 1846 and  
a Certificate of the Morning Meeting of Ministers & Elders  
of London held the 12<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> mo. 1846 expressive of the Unity  
of his friends with him as a Gospel Minister & with his  
present engagement in the service of Truth in our Land  
which have been read to our satisfaction. Also of  
Charles Haviland of Raisin Monthly Meeting State of  
Michigan, of Phebe C. Haines of Redstone Monthly  
Meeting, - of Lydia Dean of Harrisburgh Monthly  
Meeting and of Eli Haines who accompanies his wife  
in the religious visit. Their Certificates expressive  
of the Unity of their friends in their present religious  
engagements have been read, to our satisfaction.

We appoint Estes Newhall, Samuel Shade, Stephen  
Jones Jr., Perez Peck, Nathan Pope, William Farr,  
Joanna Peck, Lydia Thompson, Elizabeth Gilea, Ruth  
Sawyer & Phebe S. Marsh to have the oversight of Meetings  
during the sitting of the Yearly Meeting & to report at a future  
sitting of this meeting.



Our beloved friend Lindley Murray Hoag returned at this time the Certificate granted him in 1844, to perform a religious visit in Great Britain & Ireland and some parts of the Continent of Europe, with the grateful acknowledgment of the goodness of him who putteth forth his own and giveth before them, in vouchsafing his holy aid, in enabling him to accomplish the work assigned him, to the relief and the great peace of his own mind. And presented the following returning Certificate from the Morning Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London which was read, and was to our satisfaction —

From the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London the 28<sup>th</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup> month 1846.

To Sandwich Monthly Meeting New-Hampshire;  
Love's Quarterly Meeting in the same State; and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders of New England.  
Dear Friends,

Our dear friend Lindley Murray Hoag has attended this meeting and informed us, that he apprehends the time to be come for him to return to his native land. It appears that with very little exception he has been at all the meetings of Friends in Great Britain; and has in addition held many meetings with those of other denominations. In the course of the present and the preceding year, he has been twice on the Continent of Europe, in which engagements, we are informed that his labours have been acceptable & satisfactory. In these journeys he visited the Friends of Pyrmont & Minden, and also those professing with Friends in the South of France and likewise held many public meetings.

In the retrospect of the services of this dear friend in our land, so far as they have come to our knowledge, we feel engaged to commemorate the goodness and mercy of the Great Head of the Church in enabling him to perform in much faithfulness what he believed to be called for at his hand, and we feel engaged to testify on his behalf that his Gospel labours have been sound and edifying; and blessed as we believe to the comfort and encouragement of many.

In returning to his family and friends we desire for him a measure of that enriching peace which is the promised inheritance of the dedicated followers of the Lord,



and that he may<sup>be</sup> permitted to know the blessedness of being hid as in the secret of the tabernacle of the Most High. —

With the salutation of love we remain  
Your friends. Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting  
Josiah Foster Clerk

He also presented a Certificate from the two Months Meeting of Congregies held at Meseurs in the South of France expressive of their sympathy with him and satisfaction in his labours amongst them which was read at this time and is satisfactory to us. —

Adjourned to half past 3 o'clock this afternoon

Afternoon met agreeably to adjournment. —

The representatives inform they have conferred together in respect to Clerk & Assistant Clerk and are united in proposing John Osborne for Clerk and David Buffum for assistant Clerk; which being united with by the Meeting they are appointed to said service for the ensuing year. —

The queries and answers thereto were read at this time — And the annexed summary has been prepared as embracing the substance of the answers  
1<sup>st</sup> Ministers & Elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship. And to bring their families with them. and generally diligent to attend there for Discipline — encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are generally careful to wait for Divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burthenome; with the exception from one Quarter wherein there has been care taken

3. Ministers & Elders are concerned in a good degree to maintain clean and blameless lives among men; yet not without exception as appears in the account from one Quarter and mostly in unity one with another and the meetings they belong to; and generally harmoniously labour together for the honor of Truth. —



4<sup>th</sup> Friends are generally concerned to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness which Truth requires. — And endeavour to be good examples in these respects themselves. —

5<sup>th</sup> Friends manifest a concern for the promotion of peace in families and in the Church — to maintain the Discipline, not screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice. —

Adjourned to 8 o'clock on fifth day morning the 17<sup>th</sup>

Fifth day morning the 17<sup>th</sup> again met pursuant to adjournment. —

The representatives being called were all present except five. For the absence of two of whom satisfactory reasons were offered. —

By the minute of the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting we are informed that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Swansey Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Jacob H. Vining; with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Catherine C. Earle, and with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Athos F. Mitchell to the Station of Elders — That Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with Ware Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Daniel Page 3. and with the same Meeting in the appointment of Moses Greene Mary Buxton & Ephraim Lighton to the Station of Elders. That Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has united with Sandwich M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of David K. Skin to the Station of an Elder, and that Francis Taber formerly in the same Station has been denied the right of membership by New Bedford M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting he having united with the Separatists from our religious Society. That Falmouth Quarterly Meeting has united with Limington M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of Silas Cartland & Mary Cobb to the Station of Elders. That Amherst Quarterly Meeting has united with Uxbridge M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Clapp to the Station of an Elder. That Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting has united with Vassalboro M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of Theodore S. Pope and with Unity M<sup>c</sup>.



Meeting in the appointment of Saml H. Jones to the Station of Elder, and that Fairfeld Quarterly Meeting has united with Littlefield M<sup>e</sup>. Meeting in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Eliza M. Farr, and with the appointment of Marsha P. Hawkes to the Station of an Elder. ~

The committee to have the oversight of Meetings during the sittings of the Quarterly Meeting Report that they have attended to their appointment and have nothing unfavourable to remark

Our sittings having been, through the continuance of Divine favour, humbling and instructive seasons and having accomplished the business which has come before us in harmony, under a sense of deep thankfulness to our great and merciful preserver we conclude, intending to meet again at this place next year if the Lord permit. ~

John Osborne Clerk

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England the 10<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> mo. 1848. ~

Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings being received the representatives therein, <sup>named</sup> are for

### Rhode Island

Jonathan Dennis, Thomas Anthony, Joseph Metcalf, Rowland Greene, John Mader, Oliver Earle, Timothy C. Collins, Elizabeth Wing, Joanna Peck, Anna Shove Amey Knowles, Anna D. Wing & Elizabeth Mader.

### Salem

Nathan Brede, Edward Gove, Enoch Page, Sophronia Page, Mary E. Brede, & Elizabeth Gove.

### Sandwich

Isaac Lawrence, Samuel Gifford, Abraham Russell, Susan Howland, Barbara Gifford & Ruth A. Baker. ~



## Falmouth.

John W. Minot, Thomas Jones, Samuel Jones, Nathan Pope,  
Nathan Douglas, Elisha Jones, Mary P. Varney & Lydia  
Allen

## Smithfield

James N. Fry, John Asborn, Ruth Fry & Lydia R.  
Killy.

## Vassalboro.

Clement Ratelif, Edmund Cates, James Jones, Joseph  
Taber, Edmund Whitehouse, Ann Jones, Ann Elmira  
Sang, Lydia Jenkins & Lydia R. Taber

## Lover.

Timothy Hanson, Benjamin Fry, Tobias Meader  
Hannah Morrill & Hannah Sawyer.

## Fairfield

Samuel Taylor Jr., Ruben Jones, David Douglass  
Oliver Wing, Lydia Taylor, & Eunice W. Farr.  
who being called were all present except J.

We have at this time the amiable company of our  
beloved friends Benjamin Secoborn & Robert Lindsey  
from Great Britain whose certificates were read & minuted  
in our meeting last year, — Of Richard Mott from  
Purchase the meeting of John Scott from Baltimore of  
Sanley M. Hoag from New York of Thomas Wells from  
Hammon Ohio, of Charles Taber from Farnham East Canada  
of Dube Field from Scipio of Rachel Timber from New  
York of Abigail R. Hoag from Ferrisburgh, of Persis  
Hazard from Ferrisburgh of Seneca Hazard who accompanied  
his wife in her religious engagement whose certificates expressive  
of the unity of their friends in their present religious engagements  
were read and are to our satisfaction. And of our friends  
Nehemiah Minot & his wife Sarah S. from Scipio Monthly  
Meeting.

Our beloved friend Anna A. Jenkins in a wrightly manner  
spread before this meeting a prospect which had for a considerable  
length of time impressed her mind to visit in the love of  
the Gospel some meetings of friends in Great Britain and  
to attend to such other religious service as she may find  
her mind drawn to, and presented the certificates of Unity and



concurrence of her Monthly & Quarterly Meetings, which  
wighly concern, having claimed our solid deliberation  
was fully united with undu feelings of tender sympathy  
with her herein; and she left at liberty to pursue her  
prospect as best wisdom may direct. And John Meade  
Thomas Anthony, Samuel B. Tobey, John Osborne Moss  
H. Beebe, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth Meade Elizabeth  
Wing Ann Hopkins & Ann Jones are appointed a  
committee to prepare a Certificate suitable to the occasion  
and present to a future sitting of this meeting.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland in a wighly manner  
opened in this meeting a prospect which had for many  
years impressed her mind to visit in the love of the  
Gospel the Yearly Meetings of London & Ireland and  
the meetings belonging thereto, also some of the meetings  
of those professing with us on the Continent of Europe  
and to attend to such other religious service as way  
may open for in the Truth, and presented the Certificate  
of the Unity & concurrence of her Monthly & Quarterly Meetings  
Which important concern, having claimed our solid deliberation  
was fully united with undu feelings of near & tender sym-  
pathy with her herein & she left at liberty to pursue her  
prospect as best may direct. — And the aforesaid friends  
are desired to prepare a Certificate & present to a future  
sitting of this meeting.

Joseph Mitalf, Stephen Jones & Edward Wing Perez  
Peck Samuel Jones Ann Hopkins, Joanna Peck Rush  
Fry Phoebe S. Marsh, Catharine Comstock & Deborah Warren  
are appointed a comt. to have the oversight of meetings  
during the sittings of the Yearly Meeting and report at a  
future sitting of this meeting.

Adjourned to the 3<sup>d</sup> hour this afternoon.

Afternoon met pursuant to adjournment.

The representatives inform they have conferred together  
respecting Clerk & Assistant Clerk and are united in proposing  
John Osborne for Clerk & Perez Peck for Assistant Clerk  
Which being united with by the meeting they are  
appointed to said service for the ensuing year.



The representatives being called are all present except 4 for the absence of one of whom a satisfactory reason was offered.

The queries and answers therefrom all our Quarterly Meetings were read at this time and the annexed summary has been prepared as embracing the substance of the answers. During the season occupied in the consideration of the state of this portion of our Society, very feeling & pertinent counsel was offered by beloved friends in attendance of this meeting and we were favoured to witness, as we trust, an extension of Divine regard towards us, producing a precious solemnity, which calls for the tribute of grateful hearts. And we desire that a sense thereof, and of the salutary advice offered, may rest abidingly with us.

(See next page but one for the summary)

Adjourned to the 8<sup>th</sup> hour fifth day morning.

Fifth day morning the 15<sup>th</sup> again met pursuant to adjournment.

The Representatives being called were all present except 5 for the absence of 3 of whom reasons were assigned.

This meeting received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting the following extract from their Minutes (namely) By the amounts received at this time it appears that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Greenwich M<sup>c</sup> Mutt. in the appointment of Anna Howland to the Station of an Elder. That Salem has united with Scitook M<sup>c</sup> Mutt. in the appointment of Cynthia W. Haintington to the same Station that Sandwich has united with Dartmouth M<sup>c</sup> Mutt. in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah Potter with New Bedford M<sup>c</sup> Mutt. in approving the like appearances of Josiah Holmes Jr. with Sandwich M<sup>c</sup> Mutt. in the appointment of David Kelly to the Station of an Elder and with Dartmouth M<sup>c</sup> Mutt. in the appointment of Isaac R. Gifford and Mary Gifford to the same Station. That Smithfield has united with Smithfield M<sup>c</sup> Mutt. in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Thomas Grover & with the same meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth A. Osborne to the Station of an Elder. That Vassalboro has united with China M<sup>c</sup> Mutt. in approving the public appearances & gift in the Ministry of Elisha Jones and with the same meeting in the appointment of Otis Hawes to the Station



of an Elder and Vassalors Mr Malt in approving the gift  
and public appearance in the ministry of Benjamin Worth

The committee to whom was referred the subject of preparing  
a Certificate for our beloved friend Anna A. Jenkins produced  
one which being read was approved and is as follows. —

To friends of the Yearly Meeting of London  
Dear friends

Our beloved friend Anna A. Jenkins opened in  
this meeting with much weight & feeling, a concern that deeply  
impressed her mind, to visit in the love of the Gospel of our  
Holy Redeemer some of the meetings of Friends in Great  
Britain and to attend to such other religious engagements  
in that land, as may be required of her. —

This weighty prospect of religious service thus spread  
before us, claimed our solid and deliberate consideration  
and after a season of solemn waiting, and with an ev-  
= idence, as we trust, that the Great Head of the Church  
has called for this sacrifice, her concern received the full and  
cordial unity of this meeting. We recommend her to you  
as a minister of the Gospel of Christ beloved by us;  
sound in word and doctrine and exemplary in life  
and conversation.

In again liberating our beloved sister  
for the labor of the Gospel in your land, we have been  
introduced into very tender sympathy with her, and do  
affectionately commend her to your christian kindness  
and attention — fervently craving that the unshak-  
= ing Shepherd of Israel, in whom she has hitherto  
found preservation, may continue to be her guide  
and her support — that under the anointing that teaches  
she may be qualified from day to day to perform  
the service required of her, and when this shall  
have been discharged among you, that she may be again  
restored, in safety and in peace to us, rejoicing in  
the Lord's mercy and bringing in sheaves.

The com<sup>t</sup>. also presented a Certificate for our beloved  
friend Susan Howland which being read is approved  
and is as follows: The Clerk is directed to <sup>sign</sup> them  
on behalf of this meeting



To the Yearly Meetings of London & Ireland & the meetings thereto belonging.  
Our beloved friend Susan Howland in a wrighty manner  
spread before this meeting, a prospect that had for many years  
accompany'd her mind, to visit in Gospel love the Yearly Meetings  
of London & Ireland and the meetings thereto belonging; and  
if way should open for it in the Truth, some of the meetings  
of those professing with us on the Continent of Europe,  
and to attend to such other religious service as may  
be required of her: And that she felt the time had now  
fully come to lay the subject before her friends. The concern  
having claimed the solid & deliberate consideration of the  
meeting, and being fully united with, and much sympathy  
felt and expressed with her herein, we believe it right  
to leave her at liberty to pursue her prospect as best  
wisdom may direct: She being a minister of the Gospel  
of Christ in purity and good esteem with us, sound in  
word & doctrine, and whose life and conversation cor-  
respond with her Christian profession.

In thus liberating our beloved friend for this wrighty  
service, we are engaged to commend her to your Christian  
kindness and sympathy, earnestly desiring that she may witness  
preservation on every hand, and be qualified & strengthened  
rightly to divide the word. That she may know from  
time to time our Divine Master to be very near her, to  
comfort and sustain her. And when He may see meet  
to release her from this service among you, that she may  
be safely restored to her family and friends in the enjoy-  
ment of the blessing of peace.

The following is the summary of the answers to the queries

Ans. 1. Ministers & Elders are careful to attend meetings for  
discipline divine worship and generally to bring their families  
with them. And mostly diligent in the attendance of  
those for discipline: encouraging such of their families to  
this duty as are suitable.

Ans. 2. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are concerned to  
wait for Divine ability and are thereby preserved from  
being burdensome, with some exception in one meeting.

Ans. 3. The lives and conversation of ministers & Elders



appear in good measure clean and blameless amongst men and they are in a good degree concerned to live in unity one with another and with the meetings to which they belong: and a concern is felt to harmonize in labor for Truth's honor.

Ans. 4. There appears an engagement to rule their houses well, and to bring up their families in plainness as quired, yet there appears to be a falling short in some instances in the discharge of these duties, in a good degree exemplary in these respects themselves.

Ans. 5. They endeavor to be peace makers in families and in the Church and to maintain the discipline mostly careful not to screen their own families therefrom and to administer justice.

The committee appointed to have the oversight of meetings during the sittings of the Yearly Meeting report, that they have conferred together on the subject and have nothing unfavourable to remark.

Having, during our several sittings been mercifully favoured with the overshadowing wing of Divine love, and having in much harmony and unity transacted the important concerns that have come before us, with hearts made thankful for the blessings thus vouchsafed we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place next year if the Lord permit.

John Osborne Clerk.



At a Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at Newport  
on Rhode Island for New England the 9<sup>th</sup> day of 6<sup>mo</sup> 1849.

Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings being rec<sup>d</sup>. the Rep-  
resentatives therein named are for  
Rhode Island.

Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, Perez Peck, Edmund Chase,  
Joseph Metcalf, Timothy C. Collins, Moses H. Beede, Elizabeth  
Wing, Lydia C. Smith, Joanna Peck, Elizabeth Puckham, Hannah  
Dennis, Mary Shore, Elizabeth Meade & Anna Howland.

### Salem.

Nathan Buede, Moses Greene, William Rodgers, Ephraim  
Lighton, Enoch Page, Estes Nicholl, Avis Kane, Sophronia  
Page, Mary E. Buede & Cynthia W. Huntington.

### Sandwich.

Isaac R. Gifford, David K. Akin, Josiah Holmes Jr.  
Ruth Davis, Ruth H. Baker, & Rhoda Howland Jr.

### Falmouth.

Thomas Jones, Samuel Jones, John W. Minot, David Davis,  
Caleb Jones, Abram Winslow, Nathan Pope & Maria B.  
Jones.

### Smithfield.

Thomas Grover, Edward Foster, Joel Marsh, Polly South-  
wick, Lydia R. Kelly & Catharine Comstock.

### Vassalboro'.

Elisha Jones, Clement Ratcliff, Edmund Whitehouse, John  
D. Lang, Eli Jones, Sybil Jones, Ann Jones, Ann C. Lang  
and Martha J. Hodges.

### Dover.

Olney Thompson, Timothy Hanson, Abigail M. Hanson,  
& Ruth Sawyer.

### Fairfield.

Samuel Taylor Jr. Allen Wing, David Dudley, Elijah  
Pope, Olive Wing & Lydia Taylor.



who being called were all present except seven for the absence of 3 of whom reasons were assigned.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends Benjamin Seaborn & Robert Lindsay from Great Britain whose Certificates were read & minutes at our Yearly Meeting in 1847. Of George Carter of Springfield M<sup>c</sup> Mutt<sup>y</sup> Ohio; of Elazer Bales of White Lick M<sup>c</sup> Mutt<sup>y</sup> Indiana; of Enos Pray of West Branch M<sup>c</sup> Mutt<sup>y</sup> Ohio; of Nathaniel Sands of Cornwall M<sup>c</sup> Mutt<sup>y</sup> New York; of Zebulon Weaver of Smyrna M<sup>c</sup> Mutt<sup>y</sup> N. York; of Cornelius Douglas of Springfield M<sup>c</sup> Mutt<sup>y</sup> Ohio; of John Thorn of Newfane M<sup>c</sup> Mutt<sup>y</sup> N. York; of Abigail T. Cornell of Butternuts M<sup>c</sup> Mutt<sup>y</sup> N. York; of Henry Wilson of Blue River M<sup>c</sup> Mutt<sup>y</sup> Indiana, companion to our friend Elazer Bales whose Certificates expressive of the Unity of their friends in their present religious engagements were read and were to our satisfaction.

Our beloved friend James Jones opened in this meeting a prospect which had for many years accompanied his mind - to pay a visit in the love of the Gospel to friends of London & Dublin Yearly Meetings and to attend should way open for it some meetings on the Continent of Europe. He also presented the Certificates of China Monthly & Vassalboro's Quarterly Meetings expressive of their Unity and Sympathy with him therein, which Mighty ~~Service~~ concern claimed the solid and deliberate consideration of the meeting and was united with under feelings of much sympathy, and he left at liberty to attend to the prospect as Truth may direct.

John Meader, Samuel Boyd Tobey, David Buffum, John Q. Lang & John Osborne are appointed a committee to prepare a Certificate suitable to the occasion & present to a future sitting of this meeting.

Estes Newell, Russ Luk, David Buffum, Nathan Pope, John Osborne, Allen Wing, Lydia Taylor, Mary A. Collins, Olive Wing, Ann Hopkins & Ruth Bassett are appointed to take the oversight of meetings during the sittings of our Yearly Meeting and report at a future sitting of this meeting.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.



Afternoon met agreeably to adjournment.

The representatives inform they have conferred together respecting Clerk & assistant Clerk and are united in proposing John Colborn for Clerk & Pierz Peck for assistant Clerk which being united with they are appointed to said service for the ensuing year.

The representatives being called are all present except 5.

The queries were read in this meeting and the answers thereto from all our Quarterly Meetings. And the annexed Summary has been prepared as embracing the substance of the answers. During the time occupied in the consideration of the State of this portion of our Society, much pertinent counsel was offered which we desire may tend to excite to greater faithfulness.

Ans. 1. Ministers & Elders are concerned to attend their meetings for Divine Worship and to bring their families with them, also diligent in attending those for Discipline encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

Ans. 2. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear to be concerned to wait for divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

Ans. 3. The lives & conversation of Ministers & Elders appear to be in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men and a good degree of unity exists one with another and with the meetings to which they belong, they are also concerned to labor together in harmony for Truths honor, yet not without exception in our meeting.

Ans. 4. They endeavour to rule their own houses well, to bring up their families in plainness & moderation as Truth requires and to be exemplary in these respects themselves.

Ans. 5. They appear to be concerned to be peace makers in families and in the church, also to maintain the Discipline not sparing their own families therefrom, and to administer justice as faithful servants.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock on fifth day morning.



Fifth day morning the 14<sup>th</sup> again met equably to adjournment.  
The representatives being called are all present except 4 for the absence of one of whom a reason was assigned.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of preparing a Certificate for our friend James Jones presented one which being read was approved and the Clerk directed to sign the same on our behalf - and which is as follows: viz:

To the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland  
and the meetings thereto belonging.

Dear friends,

Our beloved friend James Jones opened in this meeting a prospect that had for many years accompanied his mind to visit in Gospel love the Yearly Meetings of London & Ireland and the meetings thereto belonging and should way open for it in the Truth some meetings on the Continent of Europe, and to attend to such other religious service as may be required of him, which weighty concern having claimed the solid and deliberate consideration of this meeting, and being united with under feelings of much sympathy, we believe it right to leave him at liberty to pursue his prospect as best wisdom may direct: he being a minister in unity & good esteem with us, and whose life & conversation correspond with his Christian profession.

In <sup>thus</sup> liberating our beloved friend for this weighty service, we are engaged to commend him to your Christian kindness & sympathy, earnestly desiring that he may witness preservation on every hand, that he may experience from time to time our Divine Master to be near him to guide, to comfort and sustain him: And when He may see meet to release him from this service among you that he may be restored to his family and friends with the enriching reward of peace.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1849



This meeting rec<sup>d</sup> from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting the following  
extract from the minutes of said meeting viz:  
By accounts rec<sup>d</sup>. at this time it appears that Salem Quarterly  
Meeting has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointments  
of Oliver <sup>Solomon</sup> Varney and with <sup>Salem</sup> M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointments  
of <sup>Hannah</sup> Rogers & <sup>Sawyer</sup> to the Station of Elders  
That Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has united with Sandwich M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting  
in approving the public ministry of Elizabeth Gifford of Falmouth  
with New Bedford M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in approving the public ministry  
of Rachel S. Howland & Elnathan E. Delano with Pembroke  
M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of Samuel Brown to the Station  
of an Elder and with New Bedford M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appoint-  
ment of George Howland, John Howland & Lydia ~~Congdon~~  
to the same Station. That Falmouth Quarterly Meeting has  
united with Falmouth M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in approving the public  
appearances & gift in the ministry of Caleb Jones and with Dur-  
ham M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of John Buffum to the  
Station of an Elder. That Vassalboro's Quarterly Meeting has  
united with China M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of Henry  
Cary to the Station of an Elder with Vassalboro's M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting  
in the appointment of Hanny Pinkham to the same Station.  
with China M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in approving the gift & public appearance  
in the ministry of James McLaughlin and with Unity  
M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in approving the gift & public appearance in the  
ministry of Jeddiah J. Varney & Joseph H. Pratt. That  
Dover Quarterly Meeting has united with Dover M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting  
in the appointment of Susan L. Meader to the Station of an  
Elder and with Sandwich M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of  
Noah Varney & Lydia Varney to the same Station  
That Fairfield Quarterly Meeting has united with Litchfield  
M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of Elijah Pope & Noah Farr  
to the Station of Elders.

The com<sup>d</sup>. to <sup>take</sup> the oversight of meetings during the several sittings  
of our Yearly Meeting report they have attended to their appointment  
and have nothing unfavourable to report

Having through our several sittings been favoured to witness the extendings  
of Divine regard and having accomplished the business that has  
come before us in much harmony & love, under a sense  
of deep thankfulness for these blessings we conclude, proposing  
to meet again at this place next year if the Lord  
permit.

John Osborne Clerk



A Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders  
held at Newport on Rhode Island for New-  
England the 15<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> month 1850.

Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings being  
received the representatives therein named as for

### Rhode Island

Rowland Tamm, Thomas Anthony, Samuel Boyd Tobey,  
John Madau, David Buffum, Edmund Chace, Perez  
Lock, Elizabeth Madau, Anne Hopkins, Joanna Peck  
Elizabeth Peckham, Mary Shove & Lydia C. Smith.

### Salem

Nathan Brude, Oliver D. Rodgers, Enoch Page, Estes  
Newell, Thomas Thorn dike, Mary E. Brude, Miriam  
Newell & Sophronia Page.

### Sandwich

George Howland, David A. Akin, Jacob H. Vining  
Josiah Holmes, Samuel Brown, Barbara Gifford  
Mary Shepherd, Lydia Congdon & Mary Gifford

### Falmouth

Thomas Jones, Caleb Jones, Nathan Pope, Nathan  
Douglas, John W. Kinst, Samuel Jones, Mary Cobb,  
Abigail S. Goddard & Lydia Allen.

### Smithfield

Richard Balley, John Osborne, Elizabeth A. Osborne  
and Abigail Inman.

### Vassalboro'

Stephen Jones Jr., John D. Lang, Clement Rutejiff  
Elisha Jones, Deborah B. Warren, Ann Almira Lang  
Rachel W. Jones, & Lydia R. Taber.

### Dover

Olney Thompson, Timothy Hanson, Hannah Morill,  
& Ruth Sawyer.



Taunfield

Ruben Jones, Samuel Taylor Jr., Elijah Pope, Hannah Pope  
and Lydia Taylor.

Who being called were all present except 5 for the absence  
of all of whom satisfactory reasons were offered.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved  
friends Richard Mott of Purchase Monthly Meeting, of Thomas  
Willis of Westbury & Jericho Monthly Meeting of Nathaniel Sands  
of Cornwall Monthly Meeting all of New York of Anna Thornburgh  
of Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting Indiana, of Micajah C.  
Bingford companion to our friend Anna Thornburgh & of  
Richard Carpenter of Purchase Monthly Meeting New York  
whose Certificates expressive of the Unity of their friends in  
their present religious engagements were read & were satisfac-  
tory to us.

Our beloved friend John Meade spued before this meeting a  
prospect which had for many years impressed his mind to visit  
in the love of our Holy Redeemer the meetings of friends in Great  
Britain & Ireland & to appoint some meetings among friends  
and others and also to visit some friends & those meetings on the  
Continent of Europe; He also presented the Certificates of Providence  
Monthly Meeting & Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, expressive of  
their Unity & Sympathy with him herein: Which weighty  
concern claimed our solid & deliberate consideration & was  
fully united with under feelings of tender sympathy with him  
and he left at liberty to pursue his prospect as Truth may  
point the way.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meade spued before this meeting a  
prospect which had for many years impressed her mind to visit in the  
love of the Gospel the meetings of friends in Great Britain and Ireland  
and to appoint some meetings among friends & others & also to visit some  
friends & to visit meetings on the Continent of Europe: She also presented  
the Certificates of Providence Monthly Meeting & Rhode Island Quarterly Mtg.  
expressive of their unity & sympathy with her herein, which weighty concern  
claimed our solid & deliberate consideration & was fully united with  
under feelings of tender sympathy with her: And she left at liberty to  
pursue her prospect as Truth may point the way.



And our friends Rowland Green, Peter Park, Samuel Boyce  
Tobey, George Howland John Osborne, Mary B. Farnum Susan  
Howland, Ruth Fay, Miniam Newell & Lydia C. Smith  
are appointed a committee to prepare Certificates suitable  
to the occasion and present at a future sitting of this meeting

Our beloved friend Susan Howland returned to this meeting  
the Certificate granted her in 1848 to perform a religious visit  
to friends in Great Britain & Ireland with the grateful  
acknowledgment that He who putteth forth his own and  
goeth before them, has vouchsafed his Holy aid, in enabling  
her to accomplish the service in prospect to the peace of  
her own mind, She also presented Certificates from the Yearly  
Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London and of the Yearly  
Meeting of Ministers & Elders for Ireland held in Dublin, and  
are as follows:—

To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders  
of Friends of New England — To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting  
and to New Bedford Monthly Meeting. —  
Dear friends

Our beloved friend Susan Howland attended  
our last Yearly Meeting & produced Certificates from you expressive  
of your Unity and concurrence with her in her prospect of religious  
service in this land. — We believe it right to Certify on her  
behalf that she has diligently & very generally attended the several  
meetings of Friends in this Yearly Meeting, manifesting her great  
concern not to omit any small meetings. — That her labors  
in the Gospel of Christ have been acceptable and edifying  
and that her conduct & conversation amongst us have been  
marked by watchfulness & love. —

We have been glad to hear of her return to her family  
and friends in safety, and are trust that she has been favored  
to feel that relief of mind & to partake of that peace which  
our blessed Saviour mercifully grants to his devoted servants. —  
We are with the salutation of love your friends. —

Signed in and on behalf of our Yearly Meeting of  
Ministers & Elders held in London the 21<sup>st</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup>  
month 1850

George Stacy Clerk



To the Monthly Meeting of New Bedford, the Quarterly Meeting of  
Sandwich & the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for New England  
(Dear friends.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland to whom  
you granted Certificates liberating her for religious service in  
these parts, has visited the meetings of friends generally in this land  
the families of friends in some places and has also attended this Yearly  
Meeting, and being now about to depart under a feeling that she  
is thus enabled to accomplish the service required of her in Ireland.  
We certify on her behalf that her company & Gospel labours  
have been truly acceptable & that her conduct & conversation  
amongst us have been instructive & edifying.

Desiring for this our dear sister that she may continue  
to experience the blessing of preservation, and that if consistent  
with the Divine will she may be favoured to return to you  
in possession of the unbroken income of peace.

We are with love your friends  
Signed by direction & on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers  
and Elders for Ireland held in Dublin the 28<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> month  
& by adjournment the 4<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month 1849.

Joseph Bewley Clerk  
to the Meeting this Year

Adjourned to the third hour this afternoon

Afternoon not agreeably to adjournment.  
The representatives inform they have conferred together respecting  
Clerk & Assistant Clerk and are united in proposing John Osborne  
for Clerk and Perez Peck for Assistant Clerk, which being united  
with, they are appointed to said service for the ensuing year.

Our friend Samuel Boyd Tobey at this time returned the Certificate  
granted by this meeting to our late beloved friend Anna A. Jenkins  
in 1848, to perform a religious visit in some parts of Great Britain  
we gave some account of her labors in the Gospel there, by which it  
appears that she was mercifully favoured & strengthened to discharge  
her appointed duty in that land, to her entire relief, & restored  
to her native shores in the enjoyment of peace — He also  
informed this meeting of her sudden removal from this state of  
being in the 11<sup>th</sup> month of last year. We were introduced into  
deep & solemn feeling in view of this dispensation of infinite  
wisdom, and brought unwearyingly to feel that His ways are past  
finding out, and while we deeply feel our loss, we would  
desire



desire much to bow under the stroke that has thus removed  
our beloved friend from the Militant Church, under the  
consoling belief that his days work was finished, and that  
to him it is a transition to an enduring place in the Church  
triumphant in Heaven. He also presented the follow-  
ing Certificate from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders  
held in London - which was read to our satisfaction.

From our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in  
London on the 21<sup>st</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> Mo. & by adjourning on the 22<sup>d</sup>  
of the same & 2 of 6<sup>mo</sup> 1849. -

To the Yearly Meeting of  
Ministers & Elders of New England the Quarterly Meeting of  
Rhode Island & the Monthly Meeting of Providence -  
Dear friends. -

Our dear friend Anna Henry Jenkins  
who is now engaged on a religious visit to this country have  
informed this meeting that she has the comforting persuasion  
that the time of her release from this field of labour is near a  
hand, we feel it right to certify on behalf of our said friend  
that although she has not during this engagement, travelled  
extensively amongst us, her Gospel labours have been acceptable  
and edifying to friends in those parts of this nation in which  
her lot has been cast. -

We believe that in much simplicity  
and watchfulness, and in humble dependence on the renewed  
putting forth of her Divine Master she has endeavoured to perform the  
service which has been required of at her hands. - We earnestly  
desire for our beloved Sister that the protecting care of the All-  
mighty may be extended towards her both by sea and land  
and that she may be favoured to return to her native country  
in safety and in the sweet feeling of a portion of her Saviour's  
peace. -

Signed in & on behalf of our Yearly Meeting of  
Ministers & Elders held as aforesaid  
George Stacy Clerk

The queries were read and the answers thereto from all  
our Quarterly Meetings, and the annexed Summary has been  
prepared as embracing the substance of the answers.

1<sup>st</sup> Ministers & Elders are careful to attend their meetings



for (Divine Worship, bringing their families with them: Also those for Discipline encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable, with some exception in one particular meeting.

2. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear to be careful to wait for Divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

3. The love & concouragement of Ministers & Elders are in good measure plain & blameless amongst men, and a good degree of Unity one with another & with the meetings they belong to is experienced — And harmony in labor for Truth's honor is witnessed.

4<sup>th</sup> Ministers & Elders appear to be careful to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness of spirit; and endeavor to be good examples in these respects themselves.

5<sup>th</sup> There appears to be a good degree of care to be preserved in families & in the Church and also to maintain the discipline — Careful not to screen their own families therefrom: And to administer justice as faithful servants.

John Osborne, Joseph Metcalf, David Ruffum, Enock Page, Stephen Jones Jr, Eunice Metcalf, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Mary Gifford, Mary E. Bruce & Lydia Taylor are appointed a committee to have the oversight of meetings during the sittings of our Yearly Meeting and report at a future sitting of this Meeting.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock on fifth day morning.

Fifth day morning the 20<sup>th</sup> friends again met agreeably to adjournment.

The representatives being called were all present except two for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

This meeting read from the Clerk of our Yearly Meeting the following extract from the minutes of said meeting. By the reports received at this time it appears that Rhode



Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in approving the public Ministry of Hannah & Robinson and Huldah, A. Meade and in the appointment of Eunice Melchior & Gilbert Congdon to the Station of Elders and with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jonathan Truborn to the same Station — That Salem Quarter has united with Wasee Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas W. Thordike & Joshua Page to the Station of Elders, & with Salem Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Samuel Boyce. That Sandwich Quarter has united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the public Ministry of William R. Taber, with Sandwich in the appointment of Joseph Wing and Elizabeth Swift to the Station of Elders & with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Barret Pearce to the same Station — That Falmouth has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Robert and Abigail S. Goddard and Eunice J. Rich to the Station of Elders. — That Smithfield Quarter has concurred with Richmond Monthly Meeting in the removal of Esck Cook from the Station of an Elder. That Vassalboro' has united with Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Caleb Nichols to the Station of an Elder. And that Fairfield has united with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Sarah W. Partridge and in the appointment of Daniel Shepherd to the Station of an Elder — And with Littleton M<sup>c</sup> meeting in the appointment of Hannah Pope to the same Station.

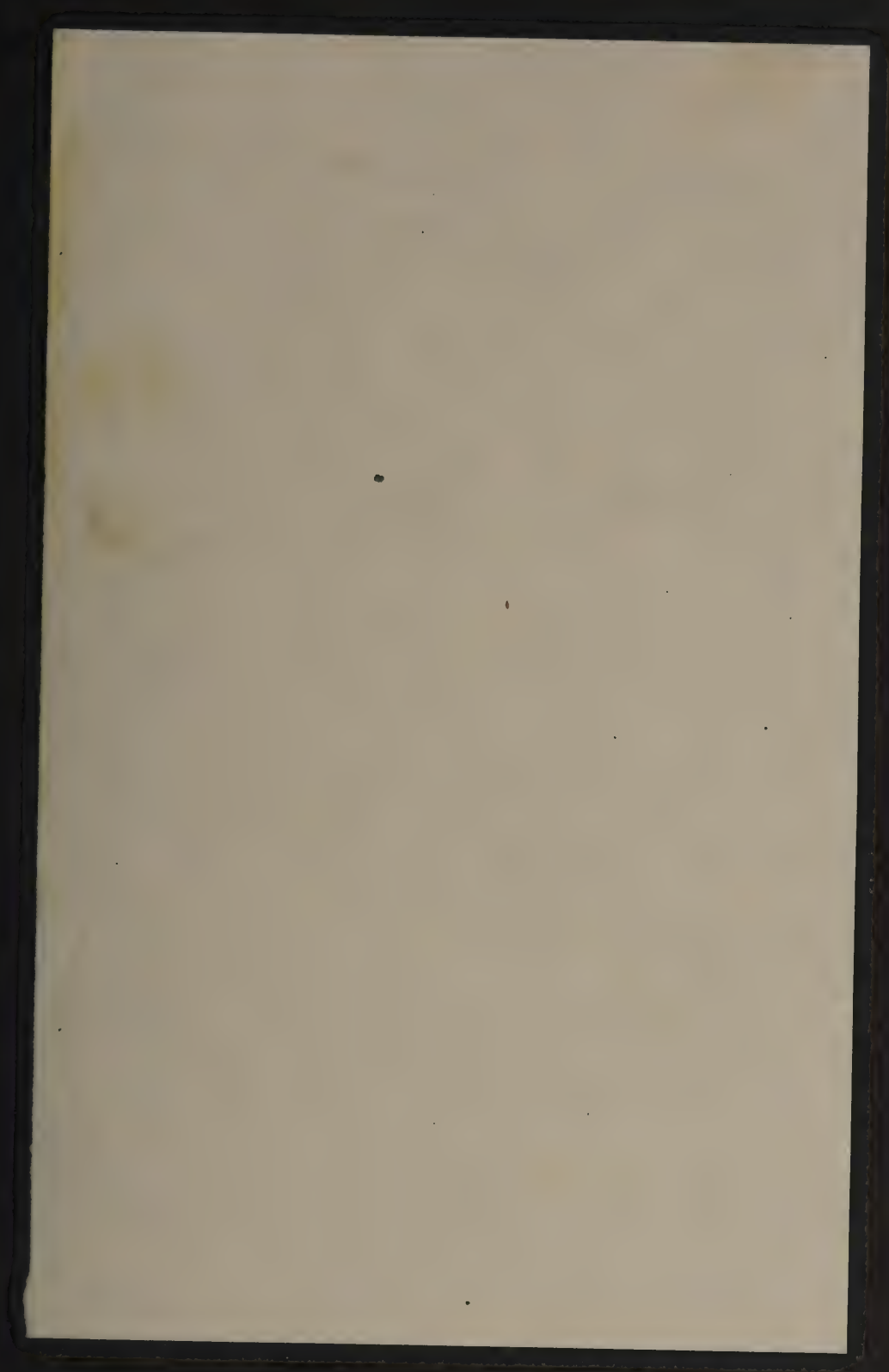
The committee to whom was referred the subject of preparing Certificates for our friends John Meade and Elizabeth Meade, presented 2 pages of Certificates which were read and approved, and the Clerk directed to sign the same on our behalf. They are as follows.

To the Yearly Meetings of London & Ireland and to friends when these may come.

Dear friends

Our beloved friend John Meade in an impressive and feeling manner, spread before this meeting a concern which had for many years deeply impressed







To the family of Mr. of Minister  
& Elder -

Beloved Friend

On account of the state  
of our health, it does not seem best  
to attempt to be present with you  
at our affectionate annual assembly.

With the satisfaction of love I am  
your sister I hope yours

Yours truly  
Anna W. 8<sup>th</sup> 58



his mind, to visit in the love of the Gospel of our Holy Redeemer, the  
meetings of friends in Great Britain and Ireland, to appoint some  
meetings among friends and those not in profession with us,  
and also as way may open for it, to visit some places and  
hold meetings on the Continent of Europe; and informed us  
that he believed the time had now come for him to resign him-  
self to this engagement.

This mighty prospect of religious  
service thus spread before us, claimed the solid & deliberate  
consideration of the meeting, and being fully united with  
under feelings of much sympathy, we believe it right  
to leave him at liberty to pursue his prospect as best  
Wisdom may direct. He being a minister of the Gospel  
in unity and good esteem with us, sound in word and  
doctrine and exemplary in life & conversation.

In thus liberating our beloved friend for this important  
service, we affectionately commend him to your Christian  
kindness and attention, earnestly desiring that the unshin-  
-ning Shepherd of Israel may be his guide and his  
support. — That under the anointing that teacheth,  
he may be qualified, from day to day, to perform the  
service required of him, and when this shall have been  
accomplished, that he may be safely restored to his family  
and friends with the blessing of peace.

Signed by decision & on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers  
and Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New  
England on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1850  
John Osborne Clerk

To the Yearly Meetings of London & Ireland & Friends where  
these may come

Dear Friends

Our beloved friend Elizabeth  
Meades in an impressive & feeling manner spread before this  
meeting a concern which had for many years deeply im-  
-pressed her mind to visit in the love of the Gospel the  
meetings of friends in Great Britain & Ireland, to appoint  
some meetings among friends and others, and also as way  
may open for it to visit some places and hold meetings  
on the Continent of Europe & informed us that she



it to be now required of her to resign herself to this service.  
This weighty prospect of religious service thus spread  
before us, solicited the solid and deliberate consideration of  
the meeting, and being fully united with and much sympathy-  
zest & assuages with her herein, we believe it right to  
leave her at liberty to pursue her prospect as best wisdom  
may direct; She being a Minister of the Gospel in unity  
and good esteem with us, sound in word & doctrine,  
and exemplary in life and conversation.

In thus liberating our beloved friend for this im-  
portant religious service, we are engaged affectionately  
to commend her to the Christian attention and regard  
of those among whom her lot may be cast, and for  
her the blessing of preservation; and that she may know  
the Good Shepherd to go before, to guide and protect her  
and when the service required of her shall have been  
accomplished that she may be safely restored to her fam-  
ily and friends in the enjoyment of peace.  
Signed &c (similar to the preceding.)

The committee appointed to take the oversight  
of meetings during the sittings of our Yearly Meeting  
report that they have given attention to this appoint-  
ment and have nothing particular to remark.

Having during our several sittings been mercifully  
favoured with the overshadowing wing of Divine  
love, and having in great harmony and unity trans-  
acted the important concerns that have come before  
us, under a deep sense of thankfulness for these favours,  
we conclude, intending to meet again at this place  
next year if the Lord permit.

John (Edborne) Clark



At a Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at Newport  
on Rhode Island for New-England the 14<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> mo. 1851

Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings being received  
the representatives therein named are for

### Rhode Island.

Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Edmund  
Chace, David Buffum, William S. Perry, Elizabeth Wing,  
Susan Ann Buffum, Elizabeth Peckham, Elizabeth Shove,  
Hannah C. Robinson & Anna C. Wing.

### Salem.

Ester Newhall, Oliver C. Rogers, Nathan Breede, Thomas  
W. Thorndike, Samuel Boyce, Avis Keene, Mary E.  
Breede, Elizabeth Page & Miriam Newhall.

### Sandwich.

George Howland, Samuel Gifford, Abraham Russell,  
Joseph Wing, Ruth H. Baker, Susan Howland, Phoebe  
R. Gifford, Lydia Hussey & Huldah Gifford.

### Falmouth.

Nathan Pope, Nathan Douglas, Thomas Jones, John  
W. Minot, Caleb Jones, Abiam Winslow, Lemuel Jones,  
Maria B. Jones, Eunice J. Rich.

### Smithfield.

James N. Fry, Edward Foster, Rowland Rathbun,  
Jed. Marsh, Phoebe S. Marsh, Ruth Fry, Polly Southwick,  
Catharine Comstock.

### Vassalboro.

John Q. Lang, Edmund Whitehouse, Daniel Taber,  
James Jones, Ann Jones, Ann Elmira Lang, Theodora  
S. Pope & Sybil Jones.

### Dover.

Tobias Meade, Benjamin H. Jones, Lindley M.  
Hoag, Hannah Morrill Abigail M. Hanson & Ruth  
Sawyer.



# Fairfield.

Joseph Taylor, Elijah Pope, David Douglas, Samuel Taylor Jr. Hannah Pope, Lydia Taylor & Oliver Wing.

Who being called were all present except 4 for the absence of one of whom, a satisfactory reason was offered.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends Benjamin Seebohm & Robert Lindsay from Great Britain whose Certificates were read and minuted at a former Yearly Meeting, of Daniel Wood of Alum Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting, of James Jordan of Amawalk M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>ty. New York, of James Owen of Honey Creek M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>ty. Indiana of Anna Adams of Baltimore M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>ty., of Sarah C. Hawxhurst of New York M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>ty. of Deborah C. Hinsdale of New York M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>ty. of Abigail F. Cornell of Putternuts M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>ty. N.Y. of Rachel Hathaway of Greenwich M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>ty. Indiana of Maria Willits companion of Deborah Hinsdale of Caleb Hathaway who accompanies his wife of Simon D. Harvey companion of Daniel Wood whose Certificates expressive of the Unity of their friends in their present religious engagements were read & were to our satisfaction.

Our friend James Jones returned to this meeting the Certificate granted him in 1849 to perform a visit in Gospel love to friends in Great Britain & Ireland with the information that he had been enabled to perform the visit then in prospect to the peace & satisfaction of his own mind and presented the following Certificates from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders of London & from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in Dublin for Ireland

"To China Monthly Meeting of Friends, Vassalborough Quarterly Meeting of Friends, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders of Friends of New England.

Dear Friends,

Our dear friend James Jones has attended the Yearly Meeting & has produced Certificates from your several Meetings expressive of your sympathy & unity with him in his prospect religious service in this land; We are informed by him that he apprehends that in the course of the present summer the way will open for his return home.



We feel engaged to certify on his behalf that we believe it has been  
his concern to travel and to labor amongst us, in dependence on  
the guidance of the Lord's Spirit, and that his religious services in  
those parts of the Nation which he has visited, as well as during the  
course of our present Yearly Meeting, have been acceptable & edifying to  
friends. He has been amongst us in much bodily infirmity, in which  
he has had our sympathy, and we desire in issuing this Certificate,  
that through the goodness of the Lord, he may be favoured to return  
to his family & friends in the enjoyment of peace.

Signed in & on behalf of our Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders  
held in London on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month & the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 6<sup>mo</sup>  
1850. by George Stacey Clerk

To China Monthly Meeting Cassalborough Quarterly Meeting  
and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for New England  
Dear friends

Our beloved friend James Jones to whom you  
granted Certificate, liberating him for religious service in these  
parts, is attending this Yearly Meeting after performing a general  
visit to the meetings of friends in this land and informed us  
that he apprehends his service amongst us is drawing to a close.

We certify on his behalf, that we have near unity with him  
as a minister of the Gospel of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ  
that his company and labours amongst us have been truly accept-  
able & that his conduct has been solid & exemplary.

Desiring for this our dear brother, that the blessing of Divine  
blessing in his travels & in his ministry may continue to attend  
him during what remains of his present arduous engagement  
and that it may be with him to the close of his earthly pil-  
grimage.

We are with love your friends.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers  
& Elders for Ireland held in Dublin on the 27<sup>th</sup> of fourth month &  
adjournment on the 4<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month 1850

Joseph Bewley Clerk to the  
Meeting this year.

The queries were read at this time & answers thereto from  
our Quarterly Meetings. The Clerk is desired to prepare a summary  
of the answers & present the same at a future sitting of this meeting;  
during the consideration of the state of this portion of our Society, we  
are favoured to witness, as we trust, an extension of Divine regards  
wards us, producing a precious solemnity, which calls for the trib-  
ute of grateful hearts.



Adjourned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> hour this afternoon.

Afternoon met agreeably to adjournment Rowland Greene, on behalf of the Representatives, informs they have been together on the subject of Clerk & assistant clerk and are united in proposing John Osborn for Clerk and David Buffum for assistant Clerk, which being united in they are appointed to said service for the ensuing year.

Our beloved friend Sybil Jones in a weighty & feeling manner spread before this meeting a prospect which has accompanied her mind at times, for a number of years past to perform a visit in the love of the Gospel of Christ to friends and some not in profession with us in Great Britain and Ireland & to some parts of the Continent of Europe, and if way should open for it to extend her visit to some places on the Western Coast of Africa, particularly to Sierra Leone and the Republic of Liberia & some of the adjacent Islands and a few of the West India Islands. She also presented the Certificates of China Monthly Meeting and of Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity with her in her prospect. Her concern thus spread before us, has claimed our solid & deliberate consideration, and is fully united with united feelings of tender sympathy with her - and she left at liberty to proceed therein as Truth may open the way.

Our beloved friend Eli Jones opened in this meeting in a feeling manner, a prospect which had occupied his mind of accompanying his wife Sybil Jones in her proposed visit to friends and others as set forth in the preceding minute - He also presented the Certificates of China M<sup>o</sup> Meeting & Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity with him in his prospect.

The subject having claimed our weighty & deliberate consideration is fully united with, and he left at liberty to pursue the prospect as best Wisdom may direct.

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Rowland Greene, John D. Lang, Samuel Boyce, John Osborne, Susan Howland May, B. Farnum, Phoebe R. Gifford & Lydia Congdon are appointed a committee to prepare Certificates suitable to the occasion and present the same at a future sitting of this meeting.

Joseph Taylor Isaac R. Gifford Perez Puck Estes  
Newhall David Buffum Daniel Taber Ruth Earle



Merriam Nicholl, Eunice J. Rich & Theodate Pope are appointed a committee to have the oversight of meetings during the sittings of this Yearly Meeting & report to a future sitting of this meeting.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock on Fifth day morning.

Fifth day morning the 19<sup>th</sup> again met agreeably to adjournment.

The representatives being called were all present except six, for the absence of 4 of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

This meeting recd. the following minute from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting: "By the reports recd. from our Yearly Meeting it appears that Rhode Island has united with South Kingston M<sup>c</sup> Mutt in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Timothy C. Collins - With Rhode Island M<sup>c</sup> Mutt in the appointment of Jonathan Cane & Mary Williams to the Station of Elders & with Swansea M<sup>c</sup> Mutt in the appointment of Ruth B. Buffington to the same Station - That Salem has united with Uxare M<sup>c</sup> Mutt in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of John Page - That Sandwich has united with Sandwich M<sup>c</sup> Mutt in approving the public appearances of Mercy R. Wing and of Elizabeth Dillingham in the Ministry - That Falmouth has united with Windham M<sup>c</sup> Mutt in the appointment of Ezekiel Varney to the Station of an Elder with Limington in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of John Carland - With Falmouth in the appointment of Lydia Winslow to the Station of an Elder & with Durham M<sup>c</sup> Mutt in the appointment of Jesse Crossman & Joshua Douglas to the same Station that Wassaquoi has united with Wassaquoi M<sup>c</sup> Mutt in the appointment of Joseph H. Cole to the Station of an Elder & with Unity M<sup>c</sup> Mutt in the appointment of Martha E. Pratt to the same Station - That Dover has united with Dover M<sup>c</sup> Mutt in the appointment of Edward Lock to the Station of an Elder & with Sandwich in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Mary Hoag.

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

Samuel Hays Toby Clerk

A Summary to the answers of the Queries was read at this time and is as follows:



- 1<sup>st</sup>. Ministers & Elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship, and to bring their families with them also diligent to attend meetings for discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable, (with one exception in one quarter,) which appears to have received attention.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear to be careful to wait for divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burthensome.
3. The lives and conversation of Ministers & Elders are in a good measure clean and blameless amongst men they are in unity one with another and with the meeting they belong to, with some exception in one quarter in which care has been taken, and they are concerned to harmonise together in labor for the honor of Truth.
- 4<sup>th</sup>. They are engaged to rule their houses well and to bring up their families in plainness which Truth requires, in dress language & true moderation - And to be exemplary in these respects themselves.
- 5<sup>th</sup>. There is a concern with Ministers & Elders to promote peace in families and in the Church and to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice as faithful servants.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of preparing certificates for our friends Sybil & Eli Jones presented essays which were read and approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk.

They are as follows:

To Friends of the Yearly Meetings of London & Ireland and to all where these may come.

Our beloved friend Sybil Jones in an impressive and feeling manner, spread before this meeting, a concern which had at times, for a number of years past, and of late with increasing weight, deeply impressed her mind to perform a visit in the love of the Gospel of Christ to friends and some not in profession with us in Great



Britain and Ireland, and to some parts of the Continent of Europe and if way should open for it, to extend her visit to some places on the Western Coast of Africa, particularly Sierra Leone and the Republic of Liberia, and also some of the adjacent Islands, and a few of the West India Islands.

This mighty prospect of religious service thus spread before us, claimed our solid & deliberate consideration, during which earnest desires were raised to know the pointings of Truth, and after a season of solemn waiting an evidence was, as we trust, granted, that the Great Head of the Church had called for this sacrifice; and much sympathy was manifested with her therein, and her concern received the full and cordial unity of this meeting. We therefore believe it right to leave her at liberty to pursue her prospect as best Wisdom may direct: She being a minister of the Gospel in Unity & good esteem with us, sound in doctrine and exemplary in life & conversation.

In thus liberating our dear friend to this extensive field of Gospel labor, we have been introduced into very near & tender sympathy with her, and fervent are our desires that the Shepherd of Israel may be graciously pleased to go before her to guide her, that He may be very near to protect & to comfort her. That under his immediate teaching, and renewed anointing, she may from time to time be qualified to do His Holy will, and instrumental in declaring the unsearchable riches of Christ.

We commend her to you as a sister beloved, desiring that she may receive your Christian care & sympathy. And with prayers for her preservation, we commit her unto Him who is able to keep her & to restore her if consistent with the purposes of his wisdom in safety to us, in the enjoyment of peace, when her services in the Gospel in distant lands shall have been accomplished.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> month 1851.

John Osborne Clarke

To Friends of the Yearly Meetings of London & Ireland and to all where these may come.

Our beloved friend Eli Jones opened in this meeting in a feeling manner, a prospect which had occupied



his mind, of accompanying his wife Sybil Jones in her proposed visit to friends and others, as particularly set forth in the Certificate granted her by this meeting, which weighty concern having claimed the solid and deliberate consideration of this meeting, and being fully united with, he is left at liberty to pursue his prospect as best Wisdom may direct: he being a minister in unity & good esteem with us, and his life & conversation corresponding with his Christian Profession.

In thus liberating our dear friend, we feel engaged to commend him to your Christian care & sympathy, earnestly desiring that he may witness preservation on every hand, that he may experience from time to time our Divine Master to be near him, to comfort & sustain him, and that he may in due time be permitted to return to his family & friends with the blessing of peace.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1851.

John Osborne Clark

The committee to take the oversight of meetings during the several sittings of our Yearly Meeting Report that they have given attention to this appointment but have nothing special to remark.

Having during our several sittings been mercifully favoured to witness, as we trust, an extension of Divine regard, and having in much harmony and love accomplished the business that has come before us, under a sense of deep thankfulness for these favours we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place next-year if the Lord permit.

John Osborne Clark



At a Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at Newport  
on Rhode Island for New-England the 12<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> mo 1852

Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings being received  
the representatives therein named are for

### Rhode Island

Howland Greene, Thomas Anthony, David Buffum, Joseph  
Metcalf, Oliver Earl, John's Meader, Timothy C. Collins, Lucius  
Peck, Mary Shore, Elizabeth Meader, Anna D. Wing, Anna  
Howland, Lydia C. Smith, Elizabeth Peckham & Eunice Metcalf.

### Salem

Estes Newhall, Samuel Boyce, William Rogers Jr, Daniel  
Page 3. Joshua Page, Mary E. Brude, Rachel D. Holder, Elizabeth  
Page & Mary Chase.

### Sandwich,

Josiah Holmes Jr, Joseph Wing, Newell Hoze Isaac R. Giff  
ord, Phibe R. Gifford, Rhoda Howland, Lydia Congdon  
& Macey K. Wing.

### Salmouth.

Thomas Jones, Caleb Jones, John W. Minot Nathan Pope,  
Nathan Douglass, Jesse Crossman, Elisha Jones Samuel Jones,  
Abraham Winston & Abigail S. Goddard.

### Smithfield.

John C. Stone, James N. Fay, Richard Battey, Mary B.  
Farnum, Ruth Fay & Polly Southwick.

### Vassalborough.

Edmund Cates, John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph H. Cole,  
Elihu Rackliff, James Jones, Rachel W. Jones, Martha E. Pratt,  
Anna Cates, Ann Edmina Lang, Susanna Jones & Theodore S.  
Pope.

### Dover.

Lindley M. Hoag, Tobias Meader, Olney Thompson Ruth Sawyer,  
Hannah S. Sawyer & Lydia Thompson.

### Fairfield

Joseph Taylor, Ruben Jones, David Douglas, Allen Wing, Daniel  
Shepherd, Olive Wing, Lydia Shepherd Eunice W. Farr & Sarah W.  
Partidge.



who being called were all present except 5 for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends Daniel Parker of Holly Spring N.C. Meeting North Carolina Harvey Derbyshire of Saline Monthly Meeting Iowa, Charles Taber of Farnham Mo. Meeting, Simeon Hazard of Farrisburg N.C. Meeting, Edith Griffith of Westland Monthly Meeting Penn.<sup>la</sup> Eliza Brewer of Leeds N.C. Meeting, Canada West, Jesse Neworthy companion to our friend Edith Griffith, Joseph Newlin companion to our friend Daniel Parker, Jonah Sands & Sarah Sands his wife of Hopewell N.C. Meeting Virginia, whose certificates expressive of the unity of their friends in their present religious engagements were read & were to our satisfaction & of Elizabeth K. Irish of New N.C. Meeting.

Our beloved friends John Meader and Elizabeth Meader his wife returned to this meeting the Certificate granted them in 1850 to perform a visit in the name of the Gospel to friends in Great Britain & Ireland and some parts of the Continent of Europe and informed they had been mercifully favoured to attend to the service then in prospect and to return to their native land with the enriching reward of peace.

They also presented the following Certificates from the Morning Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London & from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for Ireland held in Dublin. They also presented a certificate from a small but interesting company in profession with friends in Norway whom they visited, expressive of their sympathy with them and satisfaction in their labors amongst them which were read and were to our satisfaction comfort & edification.

To Providence Monthly Meeting Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting & the Yearly Meeting of Ministers of New England  
Dear friends

Our dear friend John Meader has attended this meeting & has informed us that he & his wife Elizabeth Meader have nearly completed the religious <sup>services</sup> to which they were called within the compass of our Yearly Meeting, and that they had also accomplished the visit to Norway and to friends at Pyrmont & Minden for which they were liberated by our late Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders.



and that they believe that the time is now come for their return to their own lands.

We feel called upon to testify that we have had near unity with our dear friends in their Gospel labours amongst us which have been to our comfort and edification, and that their life & conversation have been exemplary & instructive. And we desire that, in the termination of this their arduous engagement, the peace of God may be their everlasting portion.

Signed in and on behalf of the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London the 13<sup>th</sup> of the 10<sup>th</sup> month 1851.

by George Stacey

Clerk this time  
To Providence Monthly Meeting, Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, & the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for New England.

Dear friends

Our beloved friends John Mader and Elizabeth Mader his wife, concerning whom we received your Certificates liberating them for religious service in these parts being present with us at this Yearly Meeting after performing a general visit to the meetings of friends in this land we informed us that they apprehend their service amongst us drawing to a close.

We certify on their behalf that their company & Gospel labours have been acceptable to us & their ministry sound & edifying

Commending these our dear friends to the guidance of the Shepherd of Israel under every exercise which may yet await them during their present engagement and desiring that the blessing of Divine preservation may be theirs to the end of their earthly pilgrimage

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for Ireland held in Dublin the 26<sup>th</sup> of Fourth month & by adjournment on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month 1851

Joseph Bewley

Clerk to the meeting this year



Our beloved friend Lindley Murray Hoag in a weighty manner opened in this meeting a concern, which had for many years impressed his mind, to pay a visit in the love of the Gospel to friends & others in Norway, and also if way should open for it, to visit friends and others in some other places in Europe, to appoint meetings amongst friends & others, & to attend to such religious service as might be required of him; and to attend London & Dublin Yearly Meetings. He also presented the Certificate of Sandwich Monthly Meeting & Dover Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity with him therein, which claimed our solicitude & deliberate consideration and was fully united with under feelings of tender sympathy, and he left at liberty to pursue the prospect as best Wisdom may direct.

Samuel Boyce Tobey, David Buffum, Richard Batley Rowland Greene, Samuel Boyce & John Osborne are appointed a committee to prepare a certificate & present to a future sitting of this meeting.

Isaac R. Gifford, David Buffum, Stephen Jones, Allen Wing, Lemuel Jones, Estes Newhall, Elizabeth Shore, Lydia Congdon, Hannah Gould & Catharine Cornstork, are appointed a committee to have the oversight of meetings during the sittings of our Yearly Meeting, and report to a future sitting.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon met agreeably to adjournment. Rowland Greene on behalf of the Representatives informed they had been together on the subject of Clerks & were united in proposing John Osborne for Clerk & David Buffum for assistant Clerk which being united with they are appointed to said service for the ensuing year.

The Queries were read in this meeting and answers thereto from all our Quarterly Meetings from which the following summary has been prepared embracing the substance of the answers. During the time devoted to the consideration of the state of this portion of our Society much excellent and pertinent counsel has been given by beloved friends



now in attendance with us, which we desire may sink deep into our hearts & rest abidingly with us.

### Summary

Ans. 1. Ministers & Elders are careful to attend their meetings for Divine worship & to bring their families with them, and are diligent in the attendance of meetings for discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable, one instance excepted in which care has been taken.

Ans. 2. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are we trust careful to wait for Divine ability & are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

Ans. 3. The lives & conversation of Ministers & Elders are in good measure clean & blameless amongst men, with some exception in two accounts, and a good degree of unity one with another & with the meetings to which they belong and are concerned to harmonize in labor for the honor of truth — Some care has been taken in the above deficiency.

Ans. 4. There is a concern to rule our own house well & to bring up our families in plainness as queried and to be good examples in these respects ourselves.

Ans. 5. There is a good degree of care to be peace makers in families and in the Church also to maintain the discipline, careful not to screen our own families, and to administer justice.

Adjourned to the 8<sup>th</sup> hour on fifth day morning next.

Fifth day morning the 17<sup>th</sup> again convened agreeably to adjournment.

The representatives being called were present except 7 for the absence of one of whom who was present on seventh day a reason was assigned.

This meeting rec. from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting the following extract from the minutes of said meeting viz.



By the accounts recd. from the Quarterly Meetings it appears that Rhode Island has united with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lois Perry to the Station of an Elder & with Swansey M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in acknowledging the gift approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Obadiah Chapin that Salem has united with Seabrook M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of Ruth J. Challis to the Station of an Elder that Sandwich has united with Sandwich M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in approving the public Ministry of Presbury Wing — That Vassalboro has united with Chinoe M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Jones & Peace Jones to the Station of Elders, with Unity M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of William Taber to the same Station and with Vassalboro M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Thodate S. Pope — That Dover has united with Dover M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Sarah B. Roberts and with the same Meeting in the appointment of Moses Roberts to the Station of an Elder, also with Berwick M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of Comfort Neal to the same Station — And that Fairfield Duly Meeting has united with St. Albans M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of Thomas Partridge & Lois Beal to the Station of Elders. —

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting  
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of preparing a Certificate for our beloved friend Lindley Murray Hoag presented one which was read & approved & directed to be signed by the Clerk. —

To the Yearly Meetings of London & Dublin and to friends and others where these may come,  
(Dear friends)

Our beloved friend Lindley Murray Hoag, in a weighty & impressive manner, opened in this meeting a conversation which had for many years impressed his mind, to visit in the love of the Gospel, friends and others in Norway, and also if way should open for it, to visit some other parts of Europe, to appoint Meetings amongst friends & others, and to attend to such religious Service as might be required of him and to attend London & Dublin Yearly Meetings. —



This mighty prospect of religious service thus spread before us, claimed our solid & deliberate consideration, and was fully united with under feelings of tender sympathy, and we believe it right to leave him at liberty to pursue his prospect as best wisdom may direct; He being a minister of the Gospel in unity & good esteem with us; sound in word & doctrine and exemplary in life & conversation.

In thus liberating our beloved friend to this important service, we commend him to your christian care and sympathy, and to the protection of the great Shepherd of Israel, desiring his preservation on every hand, and that when his labours shall have been accomplished, he may return to his family & friends in the enjoyment of a measure of that peace which abounds by Christ.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> month 1852  
John Osborne Clerk

The committee to have the oversight of meetings during the sittings of the Yearly Meeting Report that they have given attention to their appointment & have nothing further to remark.

Having been mercifully favoured to transact the business that has come before us in harmony and great unanimity, we conclude, proposing to meet in this place next year if the Lord permit.

John Osborne Clerk



At a Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at  
Newport on Rhode Island for New England the 11<sup>th</sup>  
of 6m<sup>o</sup> 1853.

Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings being  
received, the representatives therein named are for

### Rhode Island

Rowland Greene, Edmund Chace, John Mader, Gilbert Congdon,  
David Buffum, Joseph Metcalf, Charles Wherton, Perez  
Peck, Joanna Peck, Elizabeth Mader, Elizabeth Shove,  
Anna D. Wing, Elizabeth Pakham & Lydia C. Smith

### Salem

Nathan Prude, Estes Newhall, William Rogers Jr.,  
Thomas W. Thorndike, Joshua Page, Mary Chace,  
Mary B. Prude, Meriam Newhall, Avis Keim and  
Elizabeth Page.

### Sandwich

Samuel Gifford, William C. Taber, Isaac R. Gifford,  
Samuel Brown, Dube R Gifford Ruth Davis, Susan  
Howland & Ruth H. Baker.

### Falmouth

Thomas Jonas, Nathan Pope, Joshua Douglas Jesse Crofton,  
Samuel Jones, Elisha Jones, Henry M. Minot Jane C. Minot,  
& Cynthia Hanson.

### Smithfield

John Osborne, Richard Battey, Rowland Rathbun  
Abigail Inman Catharine Cornstock & Ruth Earle.

### Vassalboro'

Edmond Whitthouse, Daniel Taber, Joseph Taber,  
John D. Lang, James Jones, Ann Almira Lang Lydia R.  
Taber, Rachel W. Jones & Ann Jones.

### Dover

Timothy Hanson, Moses Roberts, Abigail M. Hanson  
& Ruth Sawyer.



# Fairfield

Joseph Taylor, David Dudley, David Douglas, Samuel Taylor Jr. Reuben Jones, Patience D. Swan, Hannah Pope & Lydia Shepherd.

who being called were all present except five, for the absence of four of whom a satisfactory reason was assigned.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends Cordelia Bayes with a Certificate from Devonshire House Monthly Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> Mo. 1851, and one from the Quarterly Meeting of London & Middlesex held 24<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> Mo. 1851 also a Certificate from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> Mo. 1851 of Nathaniel Sands from Cornwall Mo. Meeting State of New York, of Enos G. Pray from Springfield Mo. Meeting Ohio, of Joseph Haviland from Nine Partners Mo. Meeting New York, of Jeremima Burson from Miami Mo. Meeting Ohio, of Anna Thornburgh of Walnut Ridge Mo. Meeting Indiana of Sarah M. Hiatt from Duck Creek Mo. Meeting Indiana of Mary C. Watkins Goshen Mo. Meeting Ohio, whose certificates expressive of the unity of their friends in their ministry & present religious engagements were read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Joel Gilbert companion to our friend Anna Thornburgh, Rice Price companion to our friend Sarah M. Hiatt, Mary J. Hadley companion to our friend Jeremima Burson, Harriet Sturges of Cincinnati Monthly Meeting whose certificates expressive of the unity of their friends were read.

David Taber, David Buffum, Isaac A. Gifford, Joseph Taylor, Nathan Pope, Samuel Jones, Nathan Bruce, Mary C. Bruce, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Phoebe S. Marsh & Lydia Congdon appointed a committee to have the oversight of meetings during the sittings of our Yearly Meeting and report at a future sitting.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon

Afternoon met agreeably to adjournment.

John Meader on behalf of the representatives informed they had conferred together on the subject of Clerks & were united in proposing John Osborne for Clerk & David Buffum for



assistant clerk which being united with they are appointed to said service for the ensuing year.

The Queries were read in this meeting & answers thereto from all our Quarterly Meetings from which the following summary has been prepared embracing the substance of the answers.

Summary

Ans. 1. Ministers & Elders are careful to attend their meetings for Divine worship & to bring their families with them, they are also careful to attend those for Discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable except in one instance in one Quarter.

Ans. 2. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear to be careful to wait for Divine ability & are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

Ans. 3. The lives and conversation of Ministers & Elders are in good measure clean & blameless amongst men, they are in unity one with another and with the meetings they belong to harmoniously labouring together for the honor of Truth, except one instance in one Quarter, in which case labor has been hindered.

Ans. 4. Ministers & Elders endeavour to rule their own houses well, and to bring up their families in plainness which truth requires, and are in good measure exemplary themselves in these respects.

Ans. 5. There appears to be a good degree of care to be placed makes in families & in the Church, and careful to maintain the Discipline, not screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice as faithful servants.

During the time occupied in the consideration of the state of this portion of Society, under pertinent counsel was given by concerned friends, and we were favoured to witness as we trust an extension of Divine regard towards us, producing a covering of solemnity which calls for the tribute of grateful hearts.

Adjourned to the 8<sup>th</sup> hour on fifth day morning next.



Fifth day morning the 16<sup>th</sup> met according to adjournment.

The representatives being called were all present except three.

By the accounts rec<sup>d</sup>. at this time from the Quarterly Meetings it appears that Rhode Island has united with Providence M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of Charles Wherton to the Station of Elder & with Greenwich M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of Gulielma Freeborn to the same Station; that Salem has united with Salem M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>. in the appointment of Stephen A. Chase & Abigail Nichols to the Station of Elders, that Sandwich has united with New Bedford M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>. in the appointment of William P. Howland & William C. Taber, Hannah Trip, Deborah Wing, Betsey P. Wood and Sarah H. Anthony to the Station of Elders That Falmouth has united with Falmouth M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>. in acknowledging the gift & approving the public appearances in the ministry of Jane C. Minot and in the appointment of Henry M. Minot to the Station of an Elder with Windham M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in acknowledging the gift & public appearances in the ministry of Amos Hanson and in the appointment of Lemuel Jones & Mary R. Allen & Cynthia Hanson to the Station of Elders & with Durham M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in acknowledging the gift & public appearances in the ministry of Stephen Carlland That Wapalboro' has united with Unity M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>. in acknowledging the gift & public appearances in the ministry of Asa Jones, And that Fairfield has united with Litchfield M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>. in acknowledging the gift & public appearances in the ministry of Patience C. Swan.

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

Saml Doye Tobey Clerk

The committee to have the oversight of meetings during the sittings of this Yearly Meeting Report that several of them have been together on the subject & have nothing special to communicate.

Having been mercifully favoured to witness as we humbly trust an extension of Divine regard towards us & having in much harmony been enabled to transact the business that has come before us, under a deep sense of thankfulness for these favours we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place next year if the Lord permit.

John Osborne Clerk



At a Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at  
Newport on Rhode Island for New England the 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of the 6<sup>th</sup> month 1854.

Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings being received  
the representatives therein named are for

### Rhode Island.

Rowland Greene, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Jonathan Darnie,  
Edmund Chace, Joseph Mitealy, John Mader, Lydia  
C. Smith, Lois Perry, Elizabeth Mader, Mary Shove  
Elizabeth Peckham, & Guilma Freeborn.

### Salem.

Stephen A. Chace, Estes Newhall, William Rodgers Jr.  
Samuel Boyce, Joshua Page, Rachel B. Helder, Merriam  
Newhall, Elizabeth Page & Mary E. Snider.

### Sandwich.

Samuel Difford, Joseph Davis, William C. Taber, William  
P. Howland, Lydia Congdon, Ruth A. Baker, Sarah  
H. Anthony & Betsy G. Wood.

### Talmouth.

Thomas Jones, Nathan Douglas, Henry A. Minot,  
Abraham Winslow, Caleb Jones, Elisha Jones, Jane  
C. Minot, & Eunice J. Rich.

### Smithfield.

John Osborne, James N. Fay, Thomas Grover, Ruth Fay,  
Ruth East & Elizabeth A. Osborne.

### Vassalborough.

Stephen Jones, John C. Lang, Edmund Whitehouse, Joseph  
Taber, Rachel W. Jones, Peace Jones, Deborah B. Warren  
and Ann Jones.

### Dover.

Titus Mader, Benajah Buffum, Hannah Merrill,  
Hannah G. Sawyer, & Ruth Sawyer.



Fairfield.

Samuel Taylor Jr., William Farr, (David Douglass,  
Eunice W. Farr, Lydia Taylor & Martha P. Hawkes.

who being called were present except five for the absence  
of four of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our be-  
loved friend Nathan C. Hoag, from White Water Monthly Meeting  
Indiana; John L. Eddy of Greenwich Monthly Meeting  
Ohio, Joel Bailey of Ferrisburgh Monthly Meeting, Lewis  
Haviland of Albany Monthly Meeting New York, Abigail  
A. Hoag of White Water Monthly Meeting Indiana, Naomi  
Coffin of White Water Monthly Meeting Indiana whose  
Certificates expressive of the Unity of their friends in their  
ministry & present religious engagements were read.  
We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends  
Richard T. Osborne companion to our friend Lewis Haviland,  
& Elijah Coffin who accompanies his wife and Ruben  
L. Roberts companion to our friend John L. Eddy,  
whose Certificates expressive of the Unity of their friends were read.

A communication was received from our beloved friend Lindley  
N. Hoag, informing us of his return to his native land, and accom-  
panying which the return of the Certificate granted him in 1852  
to perform a visit in the love of the Gospel to friends in Europe  
having accomplished the service to which it related as far as  
way opened for, giving an interesting account of his travels  
and religious service in Norway, among friends & those in  
proximity with us, and that he had been favoured to return  
in the enjoyment of sweet peace of mind. Also returning  
minutes from the Morning Meeting of Ministers & Elders held  
in London. And of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders  
held in London which are as follows. Also an interesting  
and satisfactory communication of the two Months Meeting  
held at Stavanger, expressive of the Unity & Satisfaction they  
experienced in his company & religious services amongst them,  
which is very satisfactory to us.

Morning Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London the  
of 1<sup>st</sup> month 1854.

Our friend Lindley Murray Hoag is now



present with us and has returned to this meeting the Certificate gran-  
ted him by the last Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for visiting  
friends & those in profession with us as well as others in Nor-  
way &c. he informs that in company with our friend James Back-  
house he has been enabled to perform the service that rested  
on his mind, so far as at present appears to be required of him  
that his companion & himself were united in their religious la-  
bors in much harmony & unity I had abundant evidence  
that their being banded together was in the ordering of  
the great Head of the Church. Our friend James Backhouse  
being likewise present, confirms the account thus given.  
A narrative of their religious engagements has been given to  
us by which it appears that, travelling by Christiansand  
they proceeded, by various stages, to the Northern part of  
the Kingdom of Norway, their journey extending to Hammer-  
fest and its neighbourhood, going afterwards to Bergen  
as well as other homes & places, visiting friends & those  
professing with them, likewise attending & holding meetings  
from place to place, to the number in all of 216; being  
present also at the two months Meeting of Stavanger and  
that termed their Yearly Meeting. Both our beloved friends  
bear testimony to the goodness & sustaining help of the Lord  
in their religious services, and of the great openness manifest-  
ed by many to receive the truths of the gospel that were  
preached amongst them, affording evidence that ground  
had been prepared by Him to receive their message to the  
confirmation of the faith of some & as they believe, to the  
awakening of many to the all important business of life

Signed on behalf of the meeting aforesaid

Thomas Norton

Clerk at this time

To the Monthly Meeting of Sandwich in New England to the  
Quarterly Meeting of Dover & the Yearly Meeting of Ministers  
and Elders of New England

Dear friends,

At our Meeting last year we received &  
read you Certificates liberating our dear friend Lindley Murray Hoag  
to attend the Yearly Meetings of London & Dublin & for religious  
service in parts of the Continent of Europe. Upon his spreading  
his concern before this meeting, he received our encouragement and  
a Certificate addressed to those professing with friends in New-  
England. This he returned to our Morning Meeting in the first mon-



last, giving a very acceptable & satisfactory account of his labors in the Gospel of Christ, which statement appears by the minute of that meeting to have been fully confirmed by his companion our dear friend James Buckhouse now with us. Lindley Murray Hoag has since returned to you and to his native land, & warm are our desires that through abiding watchfulness and the favour of Almighty God he may be blessed with preservation & heavenly peace. — We are with the salutation of love your friends.

Signed in & on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of  
Ministers & Elders held in London by adjournment on the 22<sup>d</sup> & 23<sup>d</sup> days  
of the 5<sup>th</sup> month 1854. Thomas Norton Clerk

Joseph Mitealf, William C. Taber, Joseph Taber, Stephen Jones, James N. Fry, Ruth Fry, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Deborah B. Warren & Ruth Bapsett are appointed a committee to have the oversight of meetings during the sittings of our Yearly Meeting and report at a future sitting of this meeting.

Adjourned to the third hour this afternoon.

Afternoon met agreeably to adjournment.

Thomas Jones on behalf of the Representatives informs they have consulted together on the subject of Clerks & are united in proposing John Osborne for clerk & David Puffum for assistant clerk which being approved they are appointed to serve twice for the ensuing year.

The queries were read in this meeting and answers thereto from all our Quarterly Meetings, from which the following summary has been prepared as embracing the substance of the answers.

Qrs. 1. Ministers & Elders are careful to attend meetings for Divine Worship, and are concerned to bring their families with them — they diligently attend meetings for discipline and encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

2. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are careful to wait for Divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome with little exception mentioned in one report.

3. The lives & conversation of Ministers & Elders are in good measure clean & blameless amongst men — they are in unity one with another and with the meetings they belong to — harmoniously laboring together for the honor of truth, except one case.



4<sup>th</sup>. Ministers & Elders appear to be concerned to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness - And endeavor to be good examples themselves in these respects.

5<sup>th</sup>. There is a concern to promote peace in families and in the Church - to maintain the discipline not leaving their own families therefrom - And to [maintain] administer justice as faithful servants.

Adjourned to fifth day morning the 15<sup>th</sup> at 8 o'clock

Fifth day Morning the 15<sup>th</sup> met pursuant to adjournment.

The representatives being called were all present except four.

Our beloved friends Eli and Sybil Jones returned to this meeting the Certificates granted them in 1851 to perform a visit in the love of the Gospel to friends & others in Great Britain, Ireland & parts of the Continent of Europe & Africa, & informed they had been mercifully favoured to perform the visit then in prospect, with the exception of that to Sierra Leone & some of the West India Islands; and to return to their family & friends with the enriching reward of peace - They gave a satisfactory and interesting account of their travels & Gospel labors in the prosecution of their concern - They also presented the following Certificates from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London, and from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders ~~held~~ for Ireland held in Dublin - Also a minute from the two months meeting held in Stavanger Norway, and one from the two months meeting of Nerves & Congregations in France both expressive of the great satisfaction they experienced in their company and gospel labors amongst them - all of which are acceptable to us.

To the Monthly Meeting of South China in New England  
to the Quarterly Meeting of Walsboro & the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders of New England  
Dear friends

Information has been received at this meeting that our friends Eli & Sybil Jones who presented Certificates from your respective meetings, granted to them in the



year 1851 have under the impression that they were released from further service in Europe, recently embarked for their native country. On a retrospect of the extensive labors of our beloved friends we feel engaged to testify that through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ they were enabled to perform the work assigned them with diligence and we believe with fidelity, that both on the Continent of Europe as well as in this land, they were made instrumental in diffusing a knowledge of the truths of the Gospel as held by our religious Society, and that their ministry was sound, edifying and awakening, and their conduct & conversation marked by, unselfishness & circumspection.

We fervently desire that it may please the Lord to bless the labors of these his servants, and to grant them a safe and peaceful return to their native land, their <sup>friends</sup> families and their beloved children.

Signed in and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London by adjournment on the 22<sup>d</sup> & 23<sup>d</sup> days of the 5<sup>th</sup> month 1854.

Thomas Norton Clarke

To China Monthly Meeting Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for New England.  
(Dear friends,

Our beloved friends Eli & Sybil Jones attended our Yearly Meeting in 1852 & presented to us Certificates from you. They afterwards visited the meetings of friends generally in this land, the families of friends in some places & also held many meetings with persons not professing with us. Being now informed that they have a prospect of soon returning to their native country, we certify on their behalf that their company was acceptable to us, their ministry sound and edifying and their conduct and conversation such as become the Ministers of the Gospel.

Desiring that these dear friends may be preserved on every hand that their labor of love may be blessed & that they may be permitted to return to you & their beloved family in safety - we are with love your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for Ireland held in Dublin on the 29<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> and by adjournment on the 6<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month 1854.

William James Barcroft.  
Clerk to the meeting this year.



The following extract from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting was received & read viz.

By the reports received from the Quarterly Meetings we are informed that Rhode Island has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Levi Almy and in appointing Josiah Chace & Anna Mott to the Station of Elders - That Salem has united with Weare Monthly Meeting in dismissing Nathan S. Chace from that Station - That Sandwich has united with Dartmouth M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of George Almy, Elizabeth Sted & Anna E. Almy to the Station of Elders - That Falmouth has united with Durham M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of Stephen Varney, Charity Crossman and Mary Varney to the same Station - That Smithfield has united with Smithfield M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Smith Battey - And that Dover has united with Dover M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in acknowledging gift & approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Mary T. Mader & with Berwick M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of Benajah Buffum to the Station of Elder.

From the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting  
Samuel Boye Tolby Clerk

The committee to have the oversight of meetings report that they have attended to their appointment and that they had nothing special to report further, than to say the meeting on first day afternoon was from some cause somewhat unsettled.

Having through our several sittings been favoured to witness the effusions of Divine regard & having in harmony & love transacted the business that has come before us, under a sense of deep thankfulness for these blessings we conclude, proposing to meet again in this place next year if the Lord permit.

John Osborne Clerk



At a Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at Newport  
in Rhode Island for New-England the 9<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> Month 1855.

Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings, being received,  
the representatives therein named are for

### Rhode Island

Rowland Greene, David Buffum, John Mader, Joseph Mitealf,  
Edmund Chace, Gilbert Congdon, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Perez  
Peck, Lois Perry, Elizabeth Mader, Mary Shove, Elizabeth  
Peckham, Hannah C. Robinson & Joanna Luke.

### Salem.

Stephen A. Chace, Nathan Breed, John Page, Samuel Boyce,  
Estes Newhall, Moses Huntington Jr., Mary E. Breed, Mary  
Chace, Elizabeth Page, Rachel B. Holder, Avis Keene and  
Cynthia W. Huntington.

### Sandwich.

William C. Taber, Isaac R. Gifford, Joseph Davis Newell  
Aoxie (David Kittly, Ruth H. Baker, Susan Howland, Barbara  
Gifford, & Sarah A. Anthony.

### Talmouth.

Thomas Jones, Henry M. Minot, Jesse Crossman, Nathan Pope,  
Stephen Cartland, Jane C. Minot & Eunice Day.

### Smithfield.

Richard Battey, Charles Hadwin, Elizabeth A. Osborne  
and Phoebe S. Marsh.

### Vassalborough.

John S. Lang, James Jones, James Van Blarckum, Stephen  
Jones, Ann E. Lang, Ann Jones & Sophia Jones.

### Dover.

Timothy Hanson, Benajah Buffum, Moses Roberts Ruth Sawyer,  
Higail M. Hanson, & Hannah G. Sawyer.

### Fairfield

Allen Wing, William Farr, David Douglas, Eliza Wing,  
and Lydia Shepherd.



who being called were present except 4 for the absence of 3 of whom satisfactory reasons were offered.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend Thomas Willis of Westbury & Quiche Monthly Meeting N. Y., Nathaniel Sands of Cornwall M<sup>c</sup>. Mutt N. Y. David Aund of Goshen M<sup>c</sup>. Mutt Ohio, Isaac Jay of Mississippiway M<sup>c</sup>. Mutt Indiana, Mary Ann Fisher of Scipio M<sup>c</sup>. Mutt N. Y. Phoebe Bishop of Newich M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting, whose Certificates, expressive of the unity of their friends, in their ministry and present religious engagements, were read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Luke Thomas as companion to our friend Isaac Jay and Eli Hanes an Elder of Redstone M<sup>c</sup>. Mutt. Pennsylvania whose Certificates expressive of the Unity of their friends were read.

Nathan Brud, Allen Wing, David K. Allen, Stephen A. Chace, Joseph Taber, Henry M. Minot, Lydia Congdon, Olive Wing, Elizabeth A. Osborne & Mary E. Brand are appointed a committee to have the oversight of our meetings during the several sittings of our Yearly Meeting and report to a future sitting of this meeting.

The reading of the Queries & answers thereto, was commenced and continued to the 3<sup>d</sup> Query and answers.

Adjourned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> hour this afternoon.

Afternoon met pursuant to adjournment.

Abigail Greene, on behalf of the representatives, informed that they have been together on the subject of Clerks and were united in proposing John Osborne for Clerk of this meeting and David Buffum for Assistant Clerk which proposition being united with by the meeting, they are appointed to said service for the ensuing year.

The reading of the Queries & answers thereto was resumed & concluded: and the following Summary has been prepared as embracing the substance of the answers: during the time occupied



in the consideration of the State of this portion of our Society much affectionate & pertinent counsel & advice was offered by concerned friends which we desire may be treasured up.

### Summary.

Ans. 1. Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings for Divine Worship and to bring their families with them; They are diligent in the attendance of meetings for Discipline & encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

Ans. 2. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear to be careful to wait for Divine ability, and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

Ans. 3. The lives and conversation of Ministers & Elders are in good measure clean and blameless amongst men - they are in unity one with another and with the meetings they belong to - harmoniously laboring together for the honor of Truth - except one case from some Quarterly Meeting, before reported.

Ans. 4. They endeavour to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness which Truth requires - And are engaged to be good examples in those respects themselves.

Ans. 5. They are concerned to promote peace in families & in the Church and are careful to maintain the Discipline - not screening their own families therefrom, And to administer justice as faithful servants.

Adjourned to fifth day morning next at 8 o'clock.

Fifth day morning the 14<sup>th</sup> met again to adjournment. The representatives being called were present except 4 for the absence of one of whom a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting the following extract from the minutes of said meeting. viz. -  
Yearly Meeting, Sixth Month 1855.

By the reports received from the Quarterly Meetings we are informed that Rhode Island has united with Swansey Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Estes and Eunice Estes to the Station of Elders - That Falmouth has united with Wincham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the further



appearances in the Ministry of Eunice Day - with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Joshua Douglas and with Lamington M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>. in the appointment of Naomi S. Parker and Anna Miliken to the Station of Elders

That Smithfield has united with Uxbridge M<sup>c</sup>. Meeting in the appointment of Charles Hadwin, Joseph Siskill and Rebe Pond to the same Station - That Vapulbori has united with China M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>. in the appointment of Josiah Jones to the Station of Elder - and with the same meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of James Van Blaricum, accidentally omitted to be communicated to this Meeting in their report in 1853 - That Fairfield has united with St Albans M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>. in the appointment of Mary Sanford to the Station of an Elder and in acknowledging the gift & approving the public appearances in the ministry of Eunice Winslow.

From the minutes of the Meeting  
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

The committee to take the oversight of meetings Report that they have attended to their appointment and were united in sentiment that our meetings generally had been seasons of favour.

Having been mercifully favoured to witness the extension of Divine regard, during our several sittings, uniting our hearts in love, under the tendering influence of which, we have been enabled to transact the business that has come before us in great harmony, with hearts made thankful for these favours, we conclude, proposing to meet at this place next year if the Lord permit.

John Osborne Clerk



At the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at Newport on  
Rhode Island for New England the 14<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> Month 1856.

Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings being received the  
representatives therein named are for,

### Rhode Island.

Howland Greene, John Meader, David Buffum, Joseph Estes, Gilbert  
Wengden, Timothy C. Collins, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Mary Williams,  
Elizabeth Peckham, Hannah C. Robinson, Elizabeth Meader,  
Leanna Peck & Sarah Leighton.

### Salem.

Samuel Boyce, C. W. Newhall, Edward Gere, Stephen A. Chace,  
Nathan Breede, Ruth Pratt, Elizabeth Gere, Mary E. Breede,  
Miriam Newhall, Hannah Page, Avis Keene & Susan L. Brown.

### Sandwich.

Lemuel Lifford, Isaac R. Lifford, Samuel Brown, William  
P. Howland, Ruth H. Baker, Phoebe R. Lifford, Rhoda Howland,  
Anna C. & Amy & Susan Howland.

### Salmouth.

Thomas Jones, Abraham Winslow, John Buffum, Henry A. Mi-  
net, Jane C. Milet, Lydia Winslow, & Eunice J. Rich.

### Smithfield.

Thomas Grover, John C. Osborne, Richard Battey Rush Fry,  
Phoebe Pond & Elizabeth A. Osborne.

### Nassaboro.

James Jones, John C. Lang, Edmund Whitehouse, James Van  
Blaricum, Susanna Jones & Ann Elmira Lang.

### Dover.

Tobias Meader, Benajah Buffum, Hannah Merrill and  
Ruth Sawyer.

### Fairfield.

Samuel Taylor Jr. David Douglas, Patience D. Swan and  
Chloe Douglas.

Whose names being called they were  
present except two.



We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends Jared Patterson of Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting Indiana David H. Bennett of Butternuts M<sup>o</sup>. Meeting New York of Anna Adams of Marlboro M<sup>o</sup>. Meeting N. York, of Rebecca T. Updegraff of Short Creek M<sup>o</sup>. Meeting Ohio, of Bersheba G. Arrindson of Farmington M<sup>o</sup>. Meeting N. York of Ann Kenworthy of White Water Monthly Meeting Indiana, of Auldah A. Hoag of East Grove Monthly Meeting Iowa, whose Certificates expressive of the Unity of their friends with their Ministry & present religious engagements were read.

We have also the acceptable company of beloved friends William Hill companion to our friend Jared Patterson, of William Kenworthy who accompanies his wife Ann Kenworthy of Ira Lapham companion to our friend Bersheba Arrindson, of Henry Bull companion to our friend David H. Bennett, whose Certificates were read.

Stephen A. Chace, Nathan Pope, David Buffum, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen Jones, Joanna Peck, Merriam Newhall Ruth Fay, Lydia Congdon, Peace Jones & Chloë Douglass are appointed a committee to take the oversight of meetings during the sittings of our Yearly Meeting and report at a future sitting of this meeting.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland in a weighty manner informed this meeting that she had believed it requisite of her to perform further religious service in Gospel love among friends in Great Britain & Ireland and also if way should open for it in the South to visit on religious account some places on the Continent of Europe, visiting meetings families & individuals when her lot may be cast. She also presented the Certificates of New Bedford Monthly Meeting & Sandwich Quarterly Meeting expressive of their Unity & Sympathy with her mission. Which concern claiming the solid consideration of the meeting was fully united with tender feelings of tender sympathy for her, and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as best wisdom may direct.

And Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, William C. Taber, John D. Lang, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chace Samuel Boyce John Osborne, Elizabeth Meader Mary B. Farnum Mary E. Brinde Mary Williams & Joanna Peck are appointed a committee to prepare a Certificate for our friend suitable to the occasion and present at a future sitting of this meeting.



Adjourned to three o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon met agreeably to adjournment.

Amos and Greene on behalf of the representatives inform that they have consulted together on the subject of clerks and were united in proposing John Osborn for Clerk & David Buffum for assistant clerk of this meeting, which being united with they are appointed to said service for the ensuing year.

The queries with answers thereto from all our Quarterly Meetings have been read and the following Summary has been prepared as embracing the substance of the answers. During the season occupied in the consideration of the State of this portion of Society we have been favoured with much tender and pertinent counsel and advice by concerned friends now in attendance of this meeting which we desire may be treasured up and remain abidingly with us.

#### Summary

- Ans. 1. Ministers & Elders appear to be careful to attend meetings for Divine Worship & are concerned to bring their families with them. They are diligent in the attendance of meetings for Discipline and encouragement. Such of their families to this duty as are suitable.
- Ans. 2. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts we believe are careful to wait for Divine ability & are thereby preserved from being burdensome (with a little qualification in the answer from one Quarter).
- Ans. 3. The lives and conversation of Ministers & Elders appear to be in good measure clear & blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another & with the meetings they belong to harmoniously labouring together for the honor of Truth.
- Ans. 4. They are concerned to rule their own houses well & to bring up their families in plainness, and to be good examples in these respects themselves.
- Ans. 5. They endeavor to promote peace in families & in the Church and to maintain the Discipline, not scrupling their own families therefrom, and administering justice as faithful servants.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock on fifth day morning next.



Fifth day morning the 19<sup>th</sup> met agreeably to adjournment.

The representatives being called were present except two.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of preparing a certificate for our beloved friend Susan Howland presented one which was read approved & directed signed by the Clerk and is as follows—

To the Yearly Meetings of London & Ireland and to Friends where these may come.

Dear friends,

Our beloved friend Susan Howland, a Minister in unity & good esteem with us, in a solemn & impressive manner spread before this meeting a concern which for a length of time has rested weightily upon her mind again to visit your land for the discharge of further religious service in Great Britain and Ireland and if way should open for it in the future, in some places on the Continent of Europe.

This meeting was introduced into deep sympathy with our dear friend in view of this important religious engagement and after a season of solid waiting, was united in liberating her to pursue her prospect under the guidance of the great Head of the Church. — We desire again affectionately to commend our beloved sister to your christian care and kind attention — We crave for her the protection of the Good Shepherd, earnestly desiring that she may know Him to be very near to keep, to comfort & to guide her, and that after having been qualified and strengthened to discharge the Gospel service required of her in your land she may be restored to her family and to us, with the rich blessing of that peace which Christ giveth.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> month 1856.

John Osborne Clerk

The Clerk of the Yearly Meeting presented the following extract from the Minutes of said Meeting (to wit,

Yearly Meeting Sixth month 1856

By the reports received from the Quarterly Meetings we are informed that Salmon has united with Ware Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Page and Sabina A. Page to the Station of Elders.



and that Deer has united with Deer. Monthly Meeting in the  
appointment of Phoebe H. Meader to the same station.

From the minutes of the Meeting  
Samuel Boyce Tobey Clerk

The committee to have the oversight of meetings during the sittings  
of our Yearly Meeting report, they have given attention to this appoint-  
ment and can say they thankfully believe that the meetings have  
mostly been seasons of much favor.

Having during our several sittings been mercifully favored  
with the overshadowing wing of Divine love & having in great  
harmony and unity transacted the important concerns that have  
come before us, with deep thankfulness for the blessings thus  
vouchsafed we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place  
next year if the Lord permit.

John Osborne Clerk

A Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders  
held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England  
the 13<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> Month 1857.

Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings being  
received the representatives therein named are for

### Rhode Island

David Buffum, John Meader, Joseph Metcalf, Beriah Collins,  
Samuel Boyce Tobey, Obadiah Chace, Perez Peck, Hannah  
C. Robinson, Elizabeth Peckham, Elizabeth Meader, Anna  
Howland, Mary Williams & Ruth B. Buffington.

### Salem

Samuel Boyce, Daniel Beede, Nathan Brude, John Page,  
Solomon Varney, Mary E. Brude, Ruth F. Chalks, Avis Kern,  
Elizabeth Page, Cynthia W. Huntington.

### Sandwich

William C. Taber, Joseph Davis, Lemuel Gifford, Joseph  
Wing, Mercy K. Wing, Ruth Davis, Rachel S. Howland,  
and Sarah A. Anthony.



## Falmouth

James Jones, Henry M. Minot, Caleb Jones and  
Jane C. Muncie.

## Smithfield

John Osborne, Buffum Chase, Elizabeth A. Osborn  
& Lydia B. Coe.

## Vassalboro'

John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Caleb Nichols,  
Clement Rackliff, Ann Elmira Lang, Martha C.  
Pratt, Jane A. Jones, Ruth W. Jones.

## Dover

Benajah Buffum, Timothy Hanson, Tobias Mader  
Sarah B. Roberts, Hannah G. Sawyer & Phoebe H. Mader

## Fairfield

William Farr, David Douglas, Samuel Saylor,  
Hannah Pope, & Eunice W. Farr.

whose names being called they were present except  
7 for the absence of 6 of whom reasons were assigned

We have at this time the acceptable company of our  
beloved friends PISCILLA GREENE of Great Britain with  
a Certificate from Thaxted Monthly Meeting dated 27<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>d</sup>  
Month 1856 & a Certificate from Essex Quarterly Meeting  
held at Coggeshall 8<sup>th</sup> of 4m: 1856. Also a Certificate of  
the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London  
on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> of 5m: 1856.

of Mary Nicholson of Great Britain who is engaged in  
Gospel labor in company with our beloved friend PISCILLA  
GREENE, with a Certificate from Pardsshaw Monthly Meeting  
held at Pardsshaw Hall 17<sup>th</sup> of 6m 1856 and a Certificate  
from the Quarterly Meeting of Cumberland & Northumberland  
held 26<sup>th</sup> of 10m: 1856 Also a Certificate of the Morning  
Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London 11<sup>th</sup> of 8m 1856  
of Daniel Wood & Jonah Hale of Allum Creek Monthly Meeting  
Ohio, Elwood Osborne of Elk Monthly Meeting Indiana Year  
Meeting Anna Thornburgh of Walnut Ridge Monthly  
Meeting Indiana, Deborah Prindle of New York



Monthly Meeting whose Certificates expressive of the Unity of their friends in their ministry and present religious engagements were read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Solomon Macy companion to our friend Anna Thornburgh of Christ Church Wood who accompanies her husband Daniel Wood of Maria Willits companion to our friend Deborah C. Hinsdale of Sarah Hole who accompanies her husband Jonah Hole whose Certificates expressive of the Unity of their friends have been read.

Joseph Tayler, Stephen Jones, Stephen A. Chase, William C. Taber, Joseph Miall, David Buffum, William Farr, Edmund Chase, Nathan Prude, Mary Williams, Mary E. Prude, Catharine Comstock, Elizabeth A. Osborne & Ann Elmira Lang are appointed a committee to take the oversight of meetings during the sittings of the Yearly Meeting and report at a future sitting of this meeting.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon met agreeably to adjournment.

John Meader in behalf of the representatives informs they had consulted together on the subject of Clerks and were united in proposing John Osborne for Clerk and David Buffum for assistant Clerk, which being united with by the meeting they are appointed to said stations for the ensuing year.

The queries with the answers therefrom at our Quarterly Meetings have been read and the following summary has been prepared as embracing the substance of the answers. During the time occupied in the consideration of the state of this portion of Society much pertinent counsel and encouragement was offered by concerned friends which we desire may remain with us & be to our lasting benefit.

For the summary see next page.

Adjourned to fifth day morning next at 8 o'clock.

Fifth day morning the 18<sup>th</sup> again met agreeably to adjournment.



The representatives being called were present except 9 for the absence of most of whom satisfactory reasons have been assigned.

### Summary to the answers

- Ans. 1. Ministers and Elders appear to be careful to attend Meetings for Divine worship, and are concerned to bring their families with them, likewise Meetings for Discipline encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.
- Ans. 2. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts we believe are careful to wait for Divine ability, and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.
- Ans. 3. The lives and conversation of Ministers & Elders appear in good degree clean & blameless among men, they are in unity one with another, and with the meetings they belong to and labor in harmony together for the honor of Truth.
- Ans. 4. They endeavor to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness and to be good examples in these respects themselves, and in one answer it says yet we are sensible of weaknesses in the discharge of these duties.
- Ans. 5. There is a care to promote peace in families and in the Church and to maintain the Discipline, not serving their own families therefrom, and to administer justice as faithful servants.

This meeting received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting the following extract from the minutes of said meeting.

### Yearly Meeting Cm<sup>o</sup>. 1857

By the reports now read we are informed that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public <sup>appearances</sup> of Gilbert Congdon and in the appointment of Sarah F. Tobey & Mary Ann Smith to the station of Elders, with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Marenus Parker and with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas S. Gifford to the same station and the same meeting reports the deaths on the 11<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>m</sup> 1856 of Theophilus Shree an Elder aged 80 years 5 months & 7 days on the 5<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>m</sup> 1857 of Edward Wing an Elder aged 84 years 9 months & 12 days and on the 8<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>m</sup> 1857 of Susannah Mathaway an Elder aged 75 years & 11 months.



Salem Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Daniel Beede to the Station of an Elder and with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Oliver C. Oliver & Eliza B. Boyce to the same Station from the same meeting we have the information of the decease on the 28<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> mo 1857 of Estes Newhall an Elder aged 86 years 5 months and 19 days and on the 31<sup>st</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> mo 1856 of Cornelia Page an Elder aged 82 years 6 months & 13 days ~ Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Nantucket Monthly Meeting in the appointment of L. Matthew Barney to the Station of an Elder and also the decease on the 26<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> month 1856 of Abraham Russell an Elder aged 83 years 2 months & 15 days & on the 26<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> month 1856 Esther Newett an Elder aged 92 years 11 months & 10 days. ~ Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public appearances in the ministry of Lydia B. Coe & in the appointment of Duffum Chase and Thoby Andrews to the Station of Elders with Bolton Monthly Meeting in the appointment of David Babcock, Gentry and Elizabeth W. Babcock to the same Station ~ Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public appearances in the ministry of Thomas B. Nichols & with the same meeting in the appointment of Sarah N. Jenkins & Fanny Cole to the Station of Elders and with Unity Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John Moulton, Pease Moulton and Hannah R. Taber to the same Station and likewise the decease on the 2<sup>d</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> month 1856 of Comfort Jepson a minister aged 64 years and on the 20<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> month 1856 of Asa Jones a minister aged 59 years & 11 months ~ Dover Quarterly Meeting reports its unity with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth Varney with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Daniel Meader & Jesse Roberts and with Berwick M<sup>c</sup>. Mtg. in the appointment of Cynthia Duffum to the Station of Elders. ~ Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in appointing Mary Coffin, Mary F. Parbank & Sarah Purinton to the Station of Elders, and also of the decease on the 26<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> mo 1856 of Cyrus Dean an Elder aged 90 years & 18 days.

From the minutes of said meeting  
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk



The committee to have the oversight of meetings during the sittings of the Yearly Meeting Report that they have conferred together on the subject and can say that as far as they have been able to judge Meetings have been to good Satisfaction.

Having, through our several sittings, been mercifully favoured to witness the extendings of Divine regard and to transact the business that has come before us in much harmony and love, under a feeling sense of thankfulness for these blessings we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place next year if the Lord permit.

John Osborne Clerk

A Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Cmonth 1858.

Accounts from the Several Quarterly Meetings being received the representatives therein named are for

### Rhode Island

John Mader, David Buffum, Edmund Chace, Perez Peck, Thomas S. Gifford, Joseph Metcalf, Beriah Collins, Mary Williams, Anna Howland, Joanna Peck, Elizabeth Mader, Mary A. Smith, Elizabeth Peckham & Ruth B. Buffington

### Salem

Moses Huntington Jr., Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chace, Daniel Brede, John Page, Nathan Braude, Avis Keen, Eliza B. Boyce, Olivia C. Oliver, Elizabeth Page & Hannah Page.

### Sandwich

Josiah Holmes Jr., Newell Hoxie, Isaac R. Gifford, William C. Taber, William P. Howland, Mary R. Wing, Ruth H. Baker, Hannah T. Taber, Phoebe R. Gifford & Sarah H. Anthony.



## Falmouth

Henry M. Minot, Caleb Jones, Jane C. Minot, Eunice  
J. Rich & Eunice Day.

## Smithfield

Charles Hadwin, Richard Batty, Rufus Chase,  
Lydia B. Coe & Ruth Fay.

## Vassalboro'

John C. Lang, James Van Blarcom, Joseph A. Pratt,  
James Jones, Stephen Jones, Jane A. Jones, Ann C.  
Lang, Sybil Jones & Martha C. Pratt.

## Dover

Benajah Puffer, Joseph Tuttle, Timothy Hanson, Hannah  
G. Sawyer, Abigail M. Hanson & Comfort & Neal.

## Fairfield

Charles F. Coffin, David Douglas Allen Wing,  
& Olive Wing.

Whose names being called,  
they were present except three, for the absence of two of  
whom, satisfactory reasons were assigned.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our  
beloved friends Priscilla Greene & Mary Nicholson of  
Great Britain whose Certificates were read & minuted  
at our last Yearly Meeting. We have also the acceptable  
company of our beloved friends Olney Thompson of  
Bloomington Monthly Meeting Iowa, of Thomas Jay  
of Back Creek M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>. Ind. Indiana of James For-  
-dan of Amewalk M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>. New York, of Phibe Ann  
Sands of Purchase M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>. New York, whose Cer-  
tificates expressive of the unity of their respective meetings  
in their ministry & present religious engagements were read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved  
friends Jesse Small companion to our friend Thomas  
Jay of Lydia Thompson who accompanies her husband  
Olney Thompson of Mary Lane companion to our friend  
Phibe Ann Sands, of Matilda Beard an Elder of Salem  
M<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>. Ind. Indiana whose Certificates expressive of the Unity  
of their friends were read.



Nathan Brude, William C. Taber, Richard Patten, Joseph Taylor, Stephen A. Chau, Josiah Chace Allen Wing Olive Wing, Merriam Newhall Patsy P. Wood, Hannah Page, Mary Brude are appointed a committee to have the oversight of meetings during the sittings of our yearly Meeting and report at a future sitting of this meeting

Adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon met agreeably to adjournment.

John. Under on behalf of the representatives inform that they have conferred together on the subject of Clerks and were united in proposing John Osborne for Clerk and David Buffum for assistant Clerk which being approved by the meeting they are appointed to said stations for the ensuing year.

The queries with answers taken from our Quarterly Meetings have been read, from which the following Summary has been prepared as embracing the substance of the answers.

During the consideration of the state of this portion of our Society, under we trust a solemn covering of Divine regard, much pertinent counsel & advice was given by concerned friends, which we desire may be measured up and rest abidingly with us.

#### Summary.

Ans. 1. Ministers & Elders, are with little exception, careful to attend their meetings for Divine worship and are concerned to bring their families with them. They diligently attend meetings for Discipline and encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

Ans. 2. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear to be careful to wait for Divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome. In the answer from one meeting there is a little exception.

Ans. 3. The lives & conversation of Ministers & Elders are in a good measure clean & blameless among men they appear to be in unity one with another & with the meetings to which they belong, and harmony in labor is maintained.



Ans 4. Ministers & Elders endeavour to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness which Truth requires in dress, language & true moderation, and appear to be concerned to be good examples in these respects themselves.

Ans 5. They are engaged to be peace makers in families and in the Church, and are careful to maintain the discipline not serving their own families thereupon & to administer justice.

Adjourned to fifth day morning next at 8 o'clock

Fifth day morning the 17<sup>th</sup> met again to adjournment.

The representatives being called were present except five.

This meeting rec<sup>d</sup>. from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting the following extract from the minutes of said meeting viz:

### Yearly Meeting Cm<sup>o</sup>. 1858.

By the Reports rec<sup>d</sup>. at this time it appears that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Dame wife of Jonathan Dame to the station of an Elder and with Sweney Monthly Meeting in appointing a Venerable Elder to the same station. And that Mary A. Collins widow of Abel Collins of North Stonington Connecticut an Elder of South-Kingston Monthly Mtg. died the 20<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> month 1858 aged 85 years 3 months & 11 days. That Sandwich has united with New Bedford M<sup>o</sup>. Mtg in acknowledging the gift & approving the public ministry of Hannah J. Taber. That Smithfield has united with Smithfield M<sup>o</sup>. Mtg. in the appointment of Ann Maria Crowley & Roanna W. Grover to the station of Elders, and that Smith Pattery a minister of Smithfield M<sup>o</sup>. Mtg. died 11<sup>th</sup> month 16<sup>th</sup> 1857 aged 50 years 7 months & 12 days and that Joseph Gaskell an Elder of Uxbridge M<sup>o</sup>. Mtg. died 10<sup>th</sup> month 5<sup>th</sup> 1857 aged 57 years. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting informs of the death of Rachel W. Jones a minister on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the 10<sup>th</sup> month 1857 aged 65 years and of Clement Rackliff an Elder the 16<sup>th</sup> day of 3<sup>rd</sup> month 1858 aged 82 years 11 months & 8 days. And Fairfield Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with St Albans M<sup>o</sup>. Mtg. in acknowledging the gift & approving the public appearances in the ministry of Nicholas Sanford.

From the minutes of the Meeting  
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk



The committee to have the oversight of meetings during the sitting of the Yearly Meeting Report— We have attended to our appointment. We have consulted together and have agreed to inform the Meeting that we believe there is cause of thankfulness for so much of Divine favor as we have received.

We have at this sitting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Deborah C. Hinsdale of New York Monthly Meeting whose Certificate expressive of the Unity of her friends in her Ministry & her present religious engagement was read. We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Maria Willits companion to our friend Deborah C. Hinsdale, whose Certificate expressive of the Unity of her friends in her present engagement was read.

Having been mercifully favoured, during our several sittings, to witness the extension of Divine regard, uniting our hearts in love under the tendering influence of which we have been enabled to transact the business that has come before us, in harmony, with thankful hearts for these favours we conclude, proposing to meet at this place next Year if the Lord permit.

John C. Stone Clerk.



At a Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at  
Newport on Rhode Island for New-England the 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of 6<sup>th</sup> month 1859.

Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings being  
received the representatives therein named are for

### Rhode Island

Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, John Mader, Thomas  
S. Gifford, Perez Peck, Josiah Chase Samuel Boyd  
Tobey, Sarah Lighton, Auldah W. Beede, Mary A. Smith,  
Ruth B. Buffington, Hannah C. Robinson, Elizabeth Ma-  
der & Anna Mott.

### Salem

Samuel Boyce, Enoch Page, Moses Huntington Jr.,  
John Page, Thomas W. Thorndike Daniel Beede,  
Aris Keene, Eliza B. Boyce, Cynthia W. Huntington,  
Hannah Page, Mary E. Beede & Elizabeth Page.

### Sandwich

William C. Taber, Samuel Gifford, Samuel Brown, William  
L. Taber, Lydia Congdon, Phebe R. Gifford Ruth H. Baker,  
& Mary Gifford.

### Falmouth

Nathan Douglas, Joshua Douglas, Henry M. Minott,  
Calib Jones, Robert Goddard, Jane C. Minott, & Abigail  
S. Goddard.

### Smithfield

Richard Batty, Thomas Grover, Freely Dow, Rebecca W.  
Grover, & Elizabeth W. Babcock.

### Nassabrough

Stephen Jones, John G. Lang, Thomas B. Nichols & Lybil  
Jones.

### Dover

Benajah Buffum, Jeph Roberts, Timothy Hanson, Sarah B. Roberts  
Cynthia Buffum & Abigail M. Hanson.

### Fairfield

Charles F. Coffin, David Douglas, Elijah Pope, Hannah Pope  
and Patience Swan.



whose names being called they were present except five  
for the absence of four of whom satisfactory reasons were  
assigned

We have at this time the acceptable company of our  
beloved friends Robert Lindsay of Great Britain with  
a Certificate from Brighouse Monthly Meeting held at Bradford  
in the County of York 3 month 6<sup>th</sup> 1857 and an  
endorsement of concurrence by the Quarterly Meeting for the  
County of York held at Leeds 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of 3 months 1857  
And a Certificate of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders  
held in London on the 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of 5m<sup>o</sup>. 1857  
expressive of unity with him as a minister and in his present  
religious engagements: And Sarah Lindsay who accompanies  
her husband Robert Lindsay in the present religious service  
in which he is engaged with a Certificate from Brighouse  
Monthly Meeting held at Leeds in Yorkshire 19<sup>th</sup> of 6m<sup>o</sup>  
1857 and endorsement of concurrence by York Quarterly  
Meeting held at York 24<sup>th</sup> of 6m<sup>o</sup> 1857. And a Certificate  
from the Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London 13<sup>th</sup>  
of 17m<sup>o</sup> 1857 expressive of unity with her as a Minister  
and in the present service in which she is engaged.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved  
friend Thomas Frazer of Salem Monthly Meeting Iowa  
of Joel Bean of Red Cedar Monthly Meeting Iowa  
And of Mary T. Meader of Bloomington Monthly Meeting  
Iowa, whose Certificates expressive of the unity of their friends  
in their ministry & religious engagements were read.

Stephen Jones, William C. Taber, Nathan Burdett (Laird  
Bassum, Henry M. Menott, Stephen A. Chase, Mary Williams  
Eliza B. Boyce, Hannah Moritt, Rachel B. Holder, Lydia  
Congdon & Hannah Pope are appointed a committee to have  
the oversight of meetings during the several sittings of our  
Yearly Meeting and report at a future sitting of this meeting

Adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon met agreeably to adjournment.  
John Meader on behalf of the representatives reports  
that they have consulted together in regard to Clerks and are  
united in proposing John Osborne for Clerk & David Bassum  
for assistant Clerk which being united with in this.



meeting they are appointed to said service for the ensuing year.

The queries with answers thereto from all our Quarterly Meetings have been read from which the following Summary has been prepared as embracing the substance of said answers. We have been favoured during the time devoted to the consideration of the State of this portion of our Society, with much tender, feeling and pertinent counsel by concerned friends, which we desire may have due weight upon our minds and remain abidingly with us.

### Summary to the Answers.

Ans.<sup>r</sup> 1. Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings for Divine Worship & appear to be concerned to bring their families with them. They diligently attend meetings for discipline and encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

Ans.<sup>r</sup> 2. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts we believe are careful to avoid for (Civil) ability and are mostly preserved from being burdensome.

Ans.<sup>r</sup> 3. The lives and conversation of Ministers & Elders are in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men, with, some exception noticed by one meeting as reported in one account, they are in unity one with another and with the meetings they belong to harmoniously labouring together for truths honor.

Ans.<sup>r</sup> 4. They are concerned to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness, one account says, we are sensible of falling short in the discharge of these duties, and to be good examples in these respects themselves.

Ans.<sup>r</sup> 5. They are concerned to be peace makers in families and in the Church, and endeavour to maintain the discipline not screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice.

Adjourned to fifth day morning next at 8 o'clock

Fifth day morning the 16<sup>th</sup> met againably to adjournment.  
The representatives being called were present except 5

This meeting rec<sup>d</sup>. from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting the following extract from the minutes of said meeting viz: By the report from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting we are informed of the decease of Oliver Earle an Elder & member of Swansey Monthly Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> month 1858 aged 75 years 10 months & 10 days Sandwich reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly



Meeting in the appointment of Belsey Akin and Abby Holway  
to the Station of Elders, and with Nantucket Monthly Meeting  
in the appointment of Lydia B. Mitchell to the same service  
and that the following friends have deceased since last annual  
viz: Hannah T. Taber a minister & member of New Bedford  
Monthly Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> month 6<sup>th</sup> 1858 aged 57 years 8 months &  
12 days. Daniel Beerman an Elder & member of Sandwich  
Monthly Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> month 13<sup>th</sup> 1859 aged 84 years 8 months  
and 24 days. And Elizabeth Mudge an Elder & member of  
Dartmouth Monthly Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> month 23 1859 aged 76 years  
4 months & 4 days. Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports  
the decease of Nathan Pope an Elder & member of Windham  
Monthly Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month 1859 aged 83 years  
9 months & 22 days. Smithfield informs that it has  
united with Bolton Monthly Meeting in acknowledging  
the gift & approving the public appearances in the ministry  
of Lucy F. Collins & Lydia B. Dow.  
Vassalboro' that it has united with China Monthly Meeting  
in acknowledging the gift & approving the public appearance  
in the Ministry of Alfred A. Jones & with the same meeting  
in the appointment of Mary R. Jones to the Station of an Elder  
and with Unity Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Daniel  
Cook to the same Station and that John Worth an Elder and  
member of China Monthly Meeting deceased 12<sup>th</sup> month 8<sup>th</sup> 1858  
aged 80 years 11 months & 20 days. Dover reports that it  
has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment  
of Walter Sawyer to the Station of an Elder & Fairfield  
that it has united with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in  
appointing Joseph S. Hawks to the same Station and that  
Lydia Pope an Elder & member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting  
died 5<sup>th</sup> month 6<sup>th</sup> 1858 aged 72 years.

From the minutes of the meeting  
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

We have also recd. from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting the  
following extract from the minutes of said meeting viz: This  
Meeting being informed by the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting  
of Ministers & Elders that a Minister belonging to this meeting  
has a concern to pay a religious visit in a remote part of the Country  
— the State of California — and that he is desirous of laying this  
concern before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders in order  
that so important an engagement may receive the most careful and  
weighty deliberation of the Church, this meeting is united in  
requesting the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders to receive



any communication in relation to his concern which the friend may see fit to make, and to act Officially thereon in the same manner provided for by Discipline "when the concern extends to Europe or beyond Sea".

From the minutes of the meeting  
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk  
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

Our beloved friend Nathan Douglas opened in this meeting a concern which had for several years impressed his mind to pay in the love of the Gospel, a visit to friends residing in the State of California and to others not in membership with us as Truth may open the way and such other religious service as he may be called upon to perform, the concern claimed our most solid & deliberate consideration and much tender sympathy with our dear friend was felt & expressed, and resulted in the judgment of the meeting that there would be safety in leaving the concern to rest solemnly on the minds of friends until our meeting next year.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock this evening.

Friends again convened agreeably to adjournment.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland returned to this meeting the Certificate granted her in 1856 to pay a visit in the love of the Gospel to friends in Great Britain, Ireland & on the Continent of Europe with information that she had been mercifully favored to perform the service then in prospect and to return to her family & friends with the enriching reward of peace. She also produced returning Certificates from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland held in Dublin, they were read and were to our satisfaction, and are as follows viz:—

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting Sandwich  
Quarterly Meeting and New England Yearly Meeting of  
Ministers & Elders

Dear Friends

Our beloved friend Susan Howland has informed this meeting that she believes the religious service for which she was liberated to this Nation & some parts of the Continent of Europe by the Yearly Meeting of New England



in the sixth month 1856, is completed, she informed us she has visited the meetings within the compass of this Yearly Meeting & very generally the families constituting them, as well as those persons who are in profession with us. She has also paid a religious visit to those professing with us in France and Germany, and now that she feels released from the prospect of further service in this land, she can in deep humility adopt the language "Return unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee". We testify on behalf of our dear friend, that throughout this long & extensive service, she has with much diligence, prosecuted her apprehended line of duty, and her humble, watchful & exemplary walk throughout these engagements, has greatly endeared her to us, and commended the gospel message she has had to bear to those whom she has visited. We desire also to testify that her communications amongst us have been edifying and comforting.

The company of her beloved sister, Lydia Congdon who travelled with her, during the greater part of her extensive engagement was very acceptable to us.

In parting with our dear friend, our hearts are raised in fervent aspirations to our Heavenly Father that she may reach her native land & her beloved family & friends in safety, enjoying the rich blessing of peace.

With the salutation of love we are your friends

Signed in and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London the 16.<sup>th</sup> 17.<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> 1859.

Thos. Norton Clerk

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting, Sandwich Quarterly Meeting & the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for New England Dear friends.

Our dear friend Susan Howland, on whose behalf Certificates have been read from you, has attended our Yearly Meeting & having informed us that she has not in prospect of much further service amongst us, we certify on her behalf that her company & Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, as has also been the company of her sister Lydia Congdon who has produced a Certificate from New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

We are with love your friends,



Signed by direction and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting  
of Ministers & Elders for Ireland held in Dublin on the  
24<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> Month & by adjournment on the 26<sup>th</sup> of the same  
and 1<sup>st</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month 1858.

William James Barcroft Clerk

The committee to have the oversight of Meetings during the  
Several sittings of the <sup>Yearly</sup> Meeting made the following Report viz  
"To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders."

The committee for the oversight of Meetings, have  
attended to that service, and on consulting together, were united  
in informing the Meeting that we thankfully believe, that  
through Divine favour our Meetings at this time, have  
been held to the honor of Truth.

Newport 6 month 1859

On behalf of the committee  
Stephen Jones.

During our Several sittings we have been mercifully  
favoured as we humbly trust to witness the overshadowing  
wing of Divine love & having in great harmony and ~~un~~  
nity transacted the important concerns that have come before  
us, with thankfulness for these blessings we conclude proposing  
to meet again at this place next year if the Lord permit.

John Osborne Clerk

At a Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at  
Newport on Rhode Island for New England, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of  
6<sup>th</sup> month 1860.

Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings being  
received, the representatives therein named are for

Rhode Island

Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, David Buffum, Rev. Peck  
Abner Slade, George Anthony Thomas, S. Gifford, Elizabeth Peckham  
Mary A. Smith, Lois Perry, Ruth B. Buffington, Sarah A. Tobey



Sarah Leighton and Hannah Robinson

Salem

Samuel Boyce, Edward Gove, Nathan Reed, Enoch Page  
John Page Mary E Reed Elizabeth Gove, Elizabeth Page,  
Olivia C Oliver and Avis Keene.

Sandwich

William C. Taber, Lemuel Gifford, David H. Akin  
George Amy, Ruth H. Baker, Betsey Akin, Lydia Congdon  
and Phebe R. Gifford.

Salmouth

Nathan Douglas, Joshua Douglas, Henry M. Minot.  
Eunice S. Rick and Jane C. Minot.

Smithfield

Thomas Grover, Richard Hatley, Charles Stedwin, Eliza  
A Osborne, Lydia B. Coe, and Catharine Constock.

Vassalborough

Edmund Bates, John D. Lang Jedidiah J. Varney, Stephen  
Jones, James Jones William Taber, Hannah R. Taber, Ann E.  
Lang Sybil Jones, Anna Bates, and Peace Jones.

Dover

Jesse Roberts, Benajah Buffum, Sarah<sup>B</sup> Roberts and  
Ruth Sawyer.

Fairfield

Charles F. Coffin, Samuel Taylor, Elijah Pope, Hannah  
Pope, and Patience D. Swan.

whose names being called they were present except eleven  
for the absence of two of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our  
beloved friends Thomas Thaxter of Salem monthly meeting Iowa  
Joseph Haviland, New Partners monthly meeting New York  
Samuel Lloyd Short Creek monthly meeting, Ohio Jeremiah  
A. Grinnell Greenfield monthly meeting Indiana, Edith  
Griffith Redstone monthly meeting, Pennsylvania, Naomi Coffin  
White Water monthly meeting Indiana, Julia Ann Mc Cool  
Westland monthly meeting Iowa, Huldah Atwater Hartland



monthly meeting New York, Hannah S. Fry Marlboro monthly meeting New York whose certificates expressive of the unity of their friends in their ministry and present religious engagements were read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Elijah Coffin who accompanies his wife, of Eli Staines companion to our friend Edith Griffith, Lydia A. Macomber, companion to our friend Huldah Atwater, Lydia H. Stanley, companion to our friend Edith Griffith, of John C. Still, an elder of Short Creek monthly meeting - of Thomas W. McCool, who accompanies his wife, whose certificates expressive of the unity of their friends were read.

Nathan Breed, Wm. C. Taber, Stephen Jones, Josiah Chase, Edmund Bates, Allen Wing, Clure Wing, Rachel L. Stolder, Mary E. Breed, Lydia Congdon, Ruth Anthony, Mary Gifford and Ruth Sawyer, are appointed a committee to have the oversight of meetings during the several sittings of our Yearly Meeting and report at a future sitting of this meeting.

Adjourned to four O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon met agreeably to adjournment.

Samuel Taylor on behalf of the representatives informed that they have consulted together in relation to clerks and are united in proposing William C. Taber for clerk and David Buffum for assistant clerk which being united with by the meeting they are appointed to said service for the ensuing year.

Our dear friend John Osborne who has acceptably served this meeting for many years now desiring to be released.

The representatives being called they were present except eight.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends Lindley M. Hoag of Tocksylvania monthly meeting Standing County, Iowa, and Mary B. Pinkham of Salem monthly meeting, Ohio, whose certificates expressive of the unity of their friends with their ministry and present religious engagement, were read. And also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Asa Williams, an elder, companion to our friend Samuel Lloyd, whose minute expressive of the unity of his friends was also read.

The queries with answers from all our Quarterly Meetings, were read at this time, and the clerk was directed to prepare a summary of the answers and present the same at a future sitting of this meeting.



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Adjourned to fourth day morning at 8 O'clock

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Fourth day morning the 13<sup>th</sup> again met again agreeably to adjournment.

The representatives being called were all present except four for the absence of one of whom a sufficient reason was given.

This meeting received the following minute from the clerk of the Yearly Meeting, which was read and directed to be entered on our minutes.

"Yearly Meeting 6m° 1860

By reports from the Quarterly Meetings we are informed that Rhode Island has united with Rhode Island monthly meeting in the appointment of George Anthony and Ruth Anthony to the station of elders and with Providence monthly meeting in the appointment of Joseph Eastland and with South Kingstown monthly meeting in the appointment of Mary D. Collins to the same station - and that the following friends have deceased during the past year viz Daniel Anthony an elder and member of Greenwich monthly meeting 5m° 14<sup>th</sup> 1859 aged 88 years 5m° 4 days - Edmund Chase an elder and member of Swansea monthly meeting 7m° 14<sup>th</sup> 1859 aged 72 years 2m° and 23 days - Rowland Greene a minister and member of Greenwich monthly meeting, 8m° 19<sup>th</sup> 1859 aged 88 years 8m° and 25 days and Anne Anthony an elder and member of the same meeting 4m° 16<sup>th</sup> 1860 aged 88 years 6m° 4 days. —

Salem gives us the information that Abigail Nichols an elder and member of Salem monthly meeting departed this life 1m° 29<sup>th</sup> 1860 aged 76 years.

Sandwich reports that it has united with Nantucket monthly meeting in approving the public ministry of Christopher C. Hussey and with New Bedford monthly meeting in the appointment of Joseph Kempton, Charles R. Tucker, Peter Wood, Eliza L. Davis and Anna G. Wood to the station of elders, and with Sandwich monthly meeting in the appointment of Jonathan Royce and Rebecca A. Gofford to the same station — and that the following friends have deceased since last year - Abby W. Holway an elder and member of Sandwich monthly meeting 9m° 24<sup>th</sup> 1859 aged 59 years; Sarah Potter a minister and member of Dartmouth monthly meeting 10m° 11<sup>th</sup> 1859 aged 83 years 4m° 26 days; Grace Davis an elder and member of New Bedford monthly meeting 10m° 28<sup>th</sup> 1859 aged 76 years and Joseph Davis a minister and member of the same monthly meeting 3m° 14<sup>th</sup> 1860 aged 73 years.



Smithfield reports that it has united with Smithfield monthly meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Abner S. Payson.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting informs that Daniel Taber an elder and member of Vassalboro. monthly meeting deceased Jan<sup>y</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1860 aged 63 years 2 mos. and 7 days.

Dover reports that it has united with Dover monthly meeting in the appointment of Jacob K. Thirion to the station of elder and with Sandwich monthly meeting in the appointment of Naomi T. Hoag to the same station — and that Timothy Stanton an elder and member of Dover monthly meeting deceased Dec<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1859 aged nearly 72 years.

From the minutes of the meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobay Clerk

The following communication to this meeting was presented from our late beloved friend John Meader, penned by him a few days before his death which was read ~~a few days before his death~~ to our great satisfaction and directed to be entered upon our minutes.

On this occasion ample testimony was borne by many friends to the weight and fullness of the gospel ministry of our dear departed brother, that he shunned not to declare the whole counsel of God but felt himself bound to preach Christ and him crucified and to encourage his brethren under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to pursue the same course. The evidence given of his peaceful and triumphant close was comforting and encouraging to us to press forward in the same Christian path. It is as follows

"If some easy and convenient way should open for it, I desire that my dear love conveyed to the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, where my spirit has so many times been refreshed and comforted with my beloved friends, and I desire them to know, that as I have endeavored to live in the faith and hope of the Gospel so I desire to die in the same blessed faith and hope.

In prospect of the solemn change that awaits me, my heart is often turned with deep and affectionate interest to those beloved friends engaged in the work and service of the ministry, especially those who are young, or who have not had much enlargement in the truth; that these may be kept low and humble, in a waiting frame of mind in all our religious meetings, and that the exercises of the ministry may be in that ability which God giveth, in the power and authority of the unchangeable truth; out of all their own planning or the arrangement of the creature,



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that what any offer as ministry may be in the power of the Lord Jesus through the influence of the Holy Spirit, and let all wait upon their several gifts and upon Him who has bestowed them; this will keep and preserve them in love and harmony, "enabling them to labor harmoniously together for the advancement of the truth." And now let me warn my dear friends against the activity of the creature in their religious engagements or attempting to elucidate or explain the great and glorious doctrines of the Gospel of Jesus so as to be received by the natural mind, unless clearly accompanied with the precious influence of the Holy Spirit, and always to remember that if the word shall prosper our blessed Saviour must open the way for its reception in the heart of the hearer.

With the salutation of unfeigned love I am your friend and brother

(signed) John Meader

Providence Dec 24. 1860

Adjourned to Fifth day morning at 8 O'clock

Fifth day morning the 14<sup>th</sup> met according to adjournment.

The representatives all present except three

A summary of the answers to the queries was presented and read at this time and is as follows.

Summary

Answer 1.<sup>st</sup> Ministers and elders are careful, with little exception, to attend their meetings for divine worship and are concerned to bring their families with them. They are diligent in the attendance of meetings for discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

Answer 2.<sup>d</sup> Ministers in the exercise of their gifts, we believe, are careful to wait for divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome, with few exceptions reported by one of our Quarterly Meetings.

Answer 3.<sup>d</sup> Ministers and elders are in a good measure careful to have their lives and conversation clean and blameless amongst men, to be in unity one with another and with the meetings they belong to and to labor harmoniously together for the honor of truth.

Answer 4.<sup>th</sup> Ministers and elders endeavor to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness which truth requires in dress, language and true moderation; and are concerned to be good examples in these respects themselves.

Answer 5.<sup>th</sup> Ministers and elders are engaged to be peacemakers



1860 in families and in the church, careful to maintain the discipline not screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice as faithful servants; with some exception in the answers from one Quarterly Meeting.

The committee appointed to have the oversight of meetings made the following report

"To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders

The committee appointed to have the oversight of meetings have attended to that service and feel thankful, to acknowledge that according to their sense and judgment our several meetings have been opportunities of Divine favor

Newport Decr 15 1860

On behalf of the Committee  
(signed) Stephen Jones"

Having through the several sittings of this meeting been mercifully favored, as we trust, to feel the wing of Ancient Goodness to be extended over us, whereby we have been comforted together and have been enabled to attend to the concerns that have come before us in harmony and brotherly love, with thankfulness for these favors, we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place next year if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C. Taber clerk

1861 At a Yearly Meeting of ministers and elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England the 15th of Sixth month 1861.

Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings being received the representatives therein named are as follows; from  
Rhode Island

David Buffum, Joseph Metcalf, Perez Peck Timothy C. Collins Sawd Boyd Tobey Abner Slade, Gilbert Congdon Elizabeth Peckham, Elizabeth Meaders, Ruth B. Buffington Mary & Smith Anna Howland, Ruth Anthony Julia Barber

Palem

Samuel Boyce, Moses Huntington, Daniel Paede Nathan Breed, Mary E. Breed Cynthia W. Huntington Elizabeth Love Elizabeth Boyce, Sabina A. Page.

Sandwich

David A. Skine, Wm C. Taber, Isaac T. Gifford Newell Storie Thos. L. Gifford Sarah H. Anthony Ruth H. Taber Rhoda St. John

Palmouth

Henry M. Munst Stephen Garland Thos. Winston Robert Gutter



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continued

## Falmouth continued

Elisha Jones Lane C. Minot Lydia Winslow Eunice Nick  
Smithfield

Thomas Grover Albert S. Tappan Charles Hadwen  
Lydia B. Boe Lucy P. Collins Phoebe Pond.

## Walsalborough

John L. Lang Edmund Bates Stephen Jones Joseph S. Lee  
Joseph Tabet Fanny Cole Ann E. Lang Anna Bates  
Ann Jones.

## Dover

Benajah Buffum Tobias Meader Hannah Morrell  
Abigail M. Stanton.

## Fairfield

William Farr Daniel Page Samuel Taylor Eunice Farr  
Hannah Pope.

who were present except four for the absence of whom suffi-  
cient reasons were given.

Ministers

We have at this time the acceptable company of our  
John Hodgkin beloved friend John Hodgkin of Great Britain who presented  
certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Lewes and Chichester  
endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting of Sussex, Surrey, Hampshire and  
part of Dorsetshire and from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders held  
in London 28<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> month 1861 also of Joel Bean and David  
Laura Tatum of Weston Yearly Meeting - of Sarah Ann Linton of  
Indiana Yearly Meeting and Esther C. Weeks of New York  
Linton Yearly Meeting whose certificates expressive of the unity of these  
certain friends with their ministry and present religious engagements  
were read.

Companions

We have also at this time the acceptable company of our  
friends Robert W. Hodson, an elder, companion to David Tatum  
of Stephen Wood an elder companion to Esther C. Weeks of Rhoda  
Hadley an elder companion to Sarah Ann Linton of Phoebe Ann  
Weeden a minister companion to Esther C. Weeks whose certificates  
from their respective monthly meetings were read.

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Stephen Jones David Buffum Joseph S. Cole Perez Beck  
Nathan Breed, Henry M. Minot, Joseph Metcalf, Josiah Chase  
John Osborne David H. Akin Mary E. Breed Eunice J. Nick  
Hannah Morrell Wesley P. Wood Elizabeth A. Osborne Elizabeth H. Chase  
Marcia P. Hawks, & Lydia Congdon & Miriam Marshall are appointed  
a committee to have the oversight of meetings during the several sittings  
of this Yearly Meeting and report at a future sitting.



The queries were read in this meeting with answers from Dec<sup>r</sup> 1861  
at our 2<sup>d</sup> weekly meetings — the clerks are directed to prepare a  
summary of them and present to the adjournment of this meeting.  
adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met according to adjournment

The representatives being called were present except five.

Samuel Taylor on behalf of the representatives informed  
the meeting that they had consulted together and were united  
in proposing William L. Taber for clerk, and David C. Buffum  
for assistant clerk of this meeting the ensuing year which was  
united with and they appointed to those services accordingly.

A summary of the answers to the queries was presented  
and read. — it is as follows

Answer 1.<sup>st</sup> Ministers and elders appear to be careful  
to attend their meetings for divine worship, one account says  
'mostly careful' and to bring their families with them. They  
are diligent in the attendance of those for discipline encour-  
aging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

2.<sup>d</sup> Ministers in the exercise of their gifts it is  
believed are careful to wait for divine ability and are thereby  
preserved from being burdensome.

3.<sup>d</sup> The lives and conversation of ministers and  
elders are in good measure clean and blameless among men  
(one account says 'mostly careful'). They are in a good degree  
in unity one with another and with the meetings they belong  
to and harmonize together in labor for the honor of truth.

4.<sup>th</sup> They endeavor to rule their own houses well and  
to bring up their families in plainness which truth requires.  
(one account adds "we are sensible of weakness herein") and also  
to be good examples in these respects themselves.

5.<sup>th</sup> They are concerned to be peacemakers in families  
and in the church and to maintain the discipline, not screening  
their own families therefrom, and to administer justice  
as faithful servants.

Adjourned to Fifth day morning next at 8 O'clock

Fifth day morning the 20.<sup>th</sup> the meeting again  
assembled.

The representatives being called were present except  
five, three of whom were not present at our first meeting and  
for the absence of one other a sufficient reason was given.



bn<sup>o</sup> 1861

This meeting received the following minute from the clerk of the Yearly Meeting which was read and directed to be entered on our minutes.

"Yearly Meeting bn<sup>o</sup> 1861

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings we are informed that Rhode Island has united with Rhode Island monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the publick appearances in the ministry of William S. Richardson and in the appointment of Elizabeth P. Chase and Ruth Chase to the station of elders; and with Swansea monthly meeting in the appointment of Ruth B. Gifford to the same station. And that the following friends have deceased during the past year viz. John Meader a minister and member of Providence monthly meeting bn<sup>o</sup> 7 1860 aged 62 years 7mo. & 4 days.

Manah Gould an elder and member of Rhode Island monthly meeting 7mo 7<sup>th</sup> 1860 aged 80 years less one day, Susan Ann Peiffer an elder and member of the same monthly meeting 30mo 5<sup>th</sup> 1861 aged 72 years 10mo. and 6 days - and Anna Shove an elder and member of Swansea monthly meeting 5mo 29 1860 aged 78 years 8mo. & 25 days.

Salem reports that David Dow a member of Seabrook monthly meeting in the station of elder died 5mo 26<sup>th</sup> 1860 aged 78 years 4mo & 28 days; that Ruth Bassett an elder and member of Salem monthly meeting died 7mo 5<sup>th</sup> 1860 aged 78 years 3mo. & 9 days and that Mary Elsie a member of the same meeting a minister deceased 4mo 26<sup>th</sup> 1861 aged 58 years 10mo. & 23 days.

Sandwich informs that it has united with Dartmouth monthly meeting in the appointment of Moses Smith; Maria B. Smith and Huldah Gifford to the station of elders; that Vantucket has accepted from Christopher C. Hussey late a minister and member of that monthly meeting a resignation of his right of membership and that Mary B. Farnum a minister and member of the same meeting died 1<sup>st</sup> mo 27<sup>th</sup> 1861 aged 87 years.

Palmouth reports that Anna Parinton an elder and member of Palmouth monthly meeting died 11mo 7 1860 aged 92 years 6mo. 14 days and Naomi S. Parker an elder and member of Limington monthly meeting deceased 8mo 20 1860 aged 53 years 5mo.

Nassaboro informs that it has united with China monthly meeting in the appointment of Rachel B. Hussey Sarah T. Jones and Hannah E. Jenkins to the station of elders.



and with Union monthly meeting in appointing Elizabeth T. Good in 1861  
to the same station, that Abigail Newhall an elder and member  
of Vassalboro monthly meeting died Jan. 6 1860 aged 80 years 9 mos.  
and 5 days and that Isaac Hamilton an elder and member of Union  
monthly meeting deceased Jan. 11 1861 aged 58 years 7 1/2 months.

From the minutes of the meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

Stephen Jones on behalf of the committee to have the  
oversight of meetings reports that they have attended to their  
appointment, that some of their number attended the fore and  
afternoon meetings at Portsmouth that they have conferred together  
and were united in reporting that they could thankfully acknowledge  
that the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting have been seasons of  
favor.

Having as we humbly trust thankfully to acknowledge  
that in the several sittings of this meeting we have been favored  
to feel that the dear Master has been with us by his Spirit whereby  
our hearts have been solemnized and comforted together and  
~~we~~ have been enabled to transact the business that has come  
before us in unanimity and brotherly love we conclude proposing  
to meet again in this place at the usual time next year if  
the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C. Taber Clerk

A Yearly Meeting of ministers and elders held  
at Newport on Rhode Island for New England the 14<sup>th</sup>  
of Sixth month 1862

By accounts from our Quarterly Meetings the rep-  
resentatives appointed to attend this meeting are

From Rhode Island

Joseph Metcalf  
Perez Peck  
Saml Boyd Tobey  
David Buffum  
Abner Wade

Elizabeth Meader  
Anna Howland  
Elizabeth Peckham  
Sarah A Tobey  
Nathl A Gifford

Salerno

Samuel Boyce  
Daniel Breed  
John Page  
Stephen A Chase  
Nathan Breed

Avis Keene  
Mary E Breed  
Hannah Page  
Miriam Newhall



Dec 1862

### Sandwich

Wm C Taber  
Leinuel Gifford  
David Kelley  
Isabex Wood  
Joseph Wing

Mary Gifford  
Anna T Wood  
Rhoda H Taber  
Betsey T Wood  
Mercy K Wing

### Falmouth

Henry M Minot  
Stephen Cartland  
The Winstlow

Eane C Minot  
Thebe Winstlow

### Smithfield

Freely Dow  
Richard Battey  
Thomas Grover

Lydia B Dow  
Thisby Andrews

### Vassalborough

James Van Blarcam  
John D Lang  
John Moulton  
Thomas P Nichols  
Timothy Hanson

Grace Jones  
Almira P Hanson  
Hannah T Jenkins

### Dover

Jesse Roberts  
Moses Roberts

Abigail M Hanson  
Hannah Merrill

### Fairfield

Geo. Richaidson  
Elijah Pope  
Daniel Page

Hannah Page  
Eunice Winslow  
Patience D Swan

who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends William Green from Ireland who presented satisfactory certificates from the monthly meeting of Lister - the Quarterly meeting, for the province of Ulster and from the Yearly meeting of ministers and elders for Ireland held in Dublin 26th of Fourth month 1862 - of Joseph Hobson of Ohio Yearly meeting - of William G. Johnson of Western Yearly meeting - of John Henry Douglas of Indiana Yearly meeting, and of Thebe Ann Sands & Mary H Thomas of New York Yearly meeting, whose certificates expressive of the unity of their respective meetings with their ministry and present religious engagements were read.



We have also at this time the acceptable company of our friends John M. Macy <sup>an elder</sup> companion to William Johnson M. Macy

E. Harvey an elder companion to John Henry Douglas - John Eli Harvey  
J. Thomas an elder who accompanies his wife Mary H. Thomas - John Thomas

Jacob McKee an elder of New York & early meeting and of  
Abraham Morris a minister of Ohio & early meeting who with  
his wife is now on a visit to their relatives and friends in New  
England. - On whose behalf satisfactory certificates from their  
respective monthly meetings were received and read.

Stephen A Chase, Richard Battey, William C Taber  
Josiah Chase, Henry M Minot Joseph Taber Perez Peck  
Elsie Roberts, Rachel P Holder, Mary A Smith, Mary Gifford,  
Sarah J Tobey & Ann Almira Lang are appointed to have  
the oversight of meetings during the several sittings of this  
Yearly meeting and report their service at a future sitting.

The queries were read in this meeting, with answers  
from all our Quarterly meetings. - The clerks are directed  
to prepare a summary of the answers and present it at the  
adjourned sitting of this meeting.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon met according to adjournment.

John D Lang on behalf of the representatives  
informed the meeting, that they had united in proposing,  
William C Taber for clerk and David Buffum for assis-  
tant clerk of this meeting the ensuing year - which pro-  
positions were ~~were~~ severally united with and they are  
appointed to those services respectively.

A summary of the answers received at this time  
was presented and read - it is as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> Ministers and elders are careful to attend mee-  
tings for divine worship and to bring their families with them.

Also to attend those for discipline and to encourage such of  
their families to this duty as are scitable.

2<sup>d</sup> Ministers in the exercise of their gifts we believe  
are careful to wait for divine ability and are thereby preserved  
from being burdensome.

3<sup>d</sup> The lives and conversation of ministers and elders  
are in a good degree clean and blameless among men. They are in  
unity one with another and with the meeting they belong to and  
are engaged to labor harmoniously together for the honor of Christ.

One account states "mostly careful" in these particulars.



6m<sup>o</sup> 1862

4<sup>th</sup> They endeavor to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families as queried after - also to be good examples themselves.

5<sup>th</sup> They are concerned to be peacemakers in families and in the church and to maintain the discipline not screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice.

Adjourned to Fifth day morning next at 8 o'clock.

Fifth day morning the 19<sup>th</sup> friends again met according to adjournment.

The representatives being called were present except two.

This meeting received the following minute from the clerk of the Yearly meeting, which was read and directed to be entered on our minutes.

Yearly meeting 6m<sup>o</sup> 1862

By reports from the Quarterly meetings it appears that Rhode Island has united with Greenwich monthly meeting, in the appointment of Solomon R Knowles to the station of elder and with Providence monthly meeting in the appointment of Gideon C Smith, James Dennis and Anna T Dennis and with Swansea monthly meeting in the appointment of William Chase to the same station. Also that Thomas S. Pifford an elder and member of Swansea monthly meeting died 12m<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1861 aged 50 years 5 months and 4 days.

Salem informs that Solomon Varney a member of Salem monthly meeting in the station of elder deceased the 15<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> mo. 1861 aged 81 years. — That Robert Brown an elder and member of Seabrook monthly meeting, deceased the 24<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> mo. 1862 aged 81 years 4 months and 20 days; and that Abigail Baslee also an elder and member of that meeting, died 1m<sup>o</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1862 aged 53 years and 4 months. That Joshua Page an elder and member of Weare monthly meeting, deceased the 8<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month 1862 aged 57 years 10 months and 2 days.

Sandwich informs that it has united with Sandwich monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Elizabeth C Wing; and that Abigail O Davis a minister and member of New Bedford monthly meeting, deceased 3d mo. 1<sup>st</sup> 1862 aged nearly 80 years.

Halmonth reports that it has united with Windham monthly meeting in the appointment of Sarah P Jones and Mercy Lowell to the station of elder and that George Beal an elder



and member of Durham monthly meeting, died 4th 10th 1862 aged 63 years and 4 months.

Smithfield reports the decease of Rowland Turkburn the 21<sup>st</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> month 1862 aged 55 years month & 21 days and of John Osborne the 28<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> mo. 1862 aged 78 years 2 mos. & 11 days, both elders and members of Smithfield monthly meeting.

Vassalboro gives the information that it has united with Chena monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the music appearances in the ministry of Sarah Ellen Stone and Desie D. Abbott and with Unity monthly meeting in the appointment of Timothy Stanton, Amira G. Hanson and Mary W. Brown to the station of elder.

Dover informs that Penajah Buffum a member and elder of Newich monthly meeting deceased 8<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1861 aged sixty eight years 6 months and 14 days and Fairfield reports the death of Elizabeth Bowman an elder and member of Sidney monthly meeting the 7<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> month 1862 aged 92 years 3 months and 10 days

From the minutes of the Meeting

Samuel Good Tobey Clerk

The following report from the Committee to have the oversight of meetings was received.

To the Yearly Meeting of ministers and elders now sitting,

We your committee appointed to have the oversight of meetings at the present times have attended to our appointment.

Some of our number have been present at each of the meetings thus far held and having consulted together we are united in reporting that the several meetings have been held to good satisfaction, and some of them have proved seasons of much favor.

On behalf of the Committee

Stephen A Chase

Newport Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1862

In conclusion we feel that we may thankfully acknowledge that the dear Master has been with us by his spirit and that we have been permitted to sit at his bountiful table and partake in our measure of the bread and water of life. Under this blessed influence we have been enabled to transact the business brought before us in unanimity and brotherly love and with hearts controlled by this favor we conclude proposing to meet again at this place at its usual time next year if the Lord permits.

Attest Wm C. Sabin Clerk



At a Yearly Meeting of ministers and elders held  
at Newport on Rhode Island for New England Nov<sup>r</sup> 13 1863

By accounts from our Quarterly meetings the  
representatives appointed to attend this meeting, are  
from Rhode Island

Perez Peck	Mary A. Smith
Joseph Metcalf	Elizabeth Meader
David Buffum	Elizabeth Peckham
Abner Glade	Mary D Collins
Samuel Boyd Tobey	• Gulielma Freeborn
Timothy C Collins	
Joseph Cartland	

Salem

Edward Gore	Elizabeth Gore
Samuel Poyce	Hannah Page
John Page	Olivia C Oliver
Newell Ordway	Mary E Breed
Nathan Breed	• Iris Keene

Danvers

Wm C Taber	Rhoda H Taber
• Lemuel Gifford	Mercy H Wing
Taber Wood	• Anna G Wood
Joseph Wing	• Mary Shove

Falmouth

Henry M Minot	Emmie Day
Stephen Cartland	Emmie J Rich
• Nathan Douglas	Jane C Minot
• Abm Winslow	Abigail S Goddard
Robert Goddard	

Smithfield

Albert S Payson	Lucy F Collins
Greely Dow	Lydia B. Coe
Ch <sup>r</sup> Hadwen	

Vassalboro

James Jones	• Ann Elmira Lang
John D Lang	Sarah W Partridge
Caleb Nichols	• Ann Jones
• Dedrick B Lamey	Elmira L Stanton
Stephen Jones	Rachel L Nichols

Dover

Daniel Meader	Melbe Meader
Tobias Meader	Hannah C Sawyer



Mainfield

Oct. 1863

Wm H Coffin

Patience D Swan

Sam<sup>r</sup> Taylor

David Dudley

Eight of whom are absent at the sitting, — For the absence of six sufficient reasons were given

We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends Thomas Smith of New York Yearly Meeting — Ellwood Osborne of Indiana Yearly Meeting — Wm Chase also of New York Yearly Meeting — Edward Jenkins of Salem Monthly Meeting Ohio — Jane Jones of Western Yearly Meeting

Mary Elliott of Allum Creek monthly meeting Ohio whose certificates expressive of the unity of their respective meetings ~~with~~ their ministry and present religious engagements were read.

We have also the acceptable company of our friends Kenneth H Nixon an elder companion to Jane Jones and Elizabeth Jenkins an elder who accompanies her husband Edward Jenkins on whose behalf satisfactory certificates from their respective meetings were received and read.

David Puffum Stephen Jones Nathan Reed Wm Taber, Tobias Meader, Henry M Minot Richard Patter Joseph Cartland, Noah Farr, David H. Akin — Mary A Smith Thebe H Meader, Olivia to Oliver Ann Elmina Lang Betsy P. Wood, Lydia Congdon, Elizabeth T. Cook & Sarah H Tobey are appointed to have the oversight of meetings during the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting, and to report their attention and services at a future sitting.

The queries were read at this time with answers from all our Quarterly meetings and the Clerks are directed to prepare a summary of the answers and present it at our next sitting.

Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon — met according to adjournment.

adjourn<sup>mt</sup>

The representatives through one of their number informed the meeting, that they were united in proposing Wm Taber for clerk and David Puffum for assistant clerk of this meeting, which propositions were severally united with and they were appointed to those services for the year ensuing, or until another appointment.



6<sup>th</sup> 1863

We have at this time the acceptable company of our friend Eliza Hewet of West Lake monthly and quarterly meeting Canada West - whose certificate expressive of the unity of her friends with her ministry and present religious engagements was received and read.

A summary of the answers received at this time was read. It is as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> Ministers and elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship (with a slight exception in the answer from one Quarterly meeting, and they are concerned to bring their families with them). They are also diligent in attending meetings for discipline with a similar exception to that above given from the same meeting and encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable. One Quaker reports "in a good measure careful in the several particulars of this query."

2<sup>d</sup> Ministers in the exercise of their gifts we believe are careful to wait for divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

3<sup>d</sup> The lives and conversation of ministers and elders are we believe in a good measure clean and blameless among men. They are in a good degree in unity one with another and with the meeting they belong to - harmoniously laboring together for the honor of truth.

4<sup>th</sup> They endeavor to rule their own houses well and are concerned to bring up their families in plainness in dress language and true moderation (one answer states "that they are sensible of falling short in the full discharge of this duty") also to be exemplary herein themselves.

5<sup>th</sup> They are concerned to be peacemakers in families and in the church and endeavor to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice.

Adjourned to Fifth day morning next at 8 O'clock

Adjourned  
6<sup>th</sup> 78

Fifth day morning the 18<sup>th</sup> - met according to adjournment. The representatives being called were present except seven for the absence of three of whom sufficient reasons were given.

The absence of the remainder was accounted for at our previous sitting.

This meeting received at this time the following minute from the clerk of the Yearly meeting, which was read and directed to be recorded: - viz



Yearly Meeting Dec<sup>r</sup> 1863

Dec<sup>r</sup> 1863

By the reports from the Quarterly meetings it appears that Rhode Island has united with Rhode Island monthly meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Cynthia Rowen and with Swansea Monthly meeting in a similar recognition and approval in the case of Eliza Hall also with the latter meeting in the appointment of Sarah Stode to the station of elder.

W<sup>m</sup> S. Perry an elder and member of South Kingston monthly meeting, died the 14<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> month 1862 aged 63 years 5 months and 3 days. Jonathan Longdon an elder and member of Providence monthly meeting, died the 21<sup>st</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> month 1862 aged 98 years 7 months and 5 days.

Salem Quarterly Meeting, has united with Weare monthly meeting, in the appointment of Joseph Hoag and Alice B. Hoag to the station of elder.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Sandwich monthly meeting, in the appointment of Nathan Wing and Mary R. Wing to the station of elders. Maltiah Gifford a member and elder of Sandwich monthly meeting deceased Dec<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1862 aged 82 years 1 month and 4 days.

Nathan Wing a member and elder of the same monthly meeting died Dec<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1863 aged 58 years 10 mo<sup>s</sup> and 16 days.

Falmouth has united with Durham monthly meeting, in the appointment of Caleb Estes and George Douglas to the station of elders, and with Windham monthly meeting, in the appointment of Jane Tope to the same station. Silas Lowell a member and elder of Windham monthly meeting died 13<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> month 1862 aged 65 years 9 months 23 days.

Smithfield has united with Smithfield monthly meeting in the appointment of Ruth M. Batley to the station of elder.

Buffum Chase an elder and member of Smithfield monthly meeting, deceased 9<sup>th</sup> month 10<sup>th</sup> 1862 aged 83 years 4 mo<sup>s</sup> & 11 days.

Vassalboro. has united with Vassalboro monthly meeting, in the appointment of Rachel R. Nichols and Maria S. Nichols to the station of elder.

Dover has united with Sandwich monthly meeting, in the appointment of Joshua Tolsom and Stephen Reed to the station of elders.

Fairfield has united with Litchfield monthly meeting in appointing Alden Sampson to the station of elder.

From the minutes of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk



bn<sup>o</sup> 1863

The following report was received from the Committee appointed to have the oversight of meetings.

"To the Yearly Meeting of ministers and elders."

The Committee appointed to have the oversight of meetings have given attention to the object assigned them — Some of their number have attended each of the meetings as they have occurred and having consulted together the Committee were united in reporting, that in their apprehension the meetings thus far held have been seasons of favor.

On behalf of the Committee

Newport bn<sup>o</sup> 17 1863

Stephen Jones "

The business brought before us being accomplished, as we trust under a measure of divine favor, graciously vouchsafed to us at this gathering, we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year if the Lord permit

Attest Wm. Taber Clerk

bn<sup>o</sup> 1864

At a Yearly Meeting of ministers and elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England bn<sup>o</sup> 11 and by adjournment bn<sup>o</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1864.

By accounts from our Quarterly meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are

From Rhode Island

Joseph Metcalf  
Perez Peck  
Moses H. Beede  
David Buffum  
Abner Slade  
Saml Boyd Tobey

Elizabeth Meader  
Sarah F. Tobey  
Mary A. Smith  
Ruth B. Gifford  
Ruth Anthony  
Sarah Slade

Salem

Saml Boyce  
Daniel Beede  
Newell Ordway  
Stephen A. Chase  
John Page

Avis Keene  
Abigail M. Stanton  
Mary E. Breed  
Ruth J. Challis  
Stannah Page

Sandwich

William B. Taber  
David H. Akin  
Joseph Wing  
Isaac R. Gifford  
Moses Smith

Rhoda St. Taber  
Sarah H. Anthony  
Elizabeth C. Wing  
Mercy H. Wing



# Falmouth

Oct 1864

Elisha Jones  
John Cartland  
Geo. Douglas  
The Winstons  
Henry M Minot  
Joshua Douglas

Sane C. Minot  
Sarah B Jones  
Eunice Day  
Jane Pope

## Smithfield

Thomas Grover  
Richard Battey  
Freely Dow

Lydia S. Lee  
Ruth M. Galloway  
Thebe S. Marsh

## Udallborough

John D Lang  
James Jones  
Stephen Jones  
Thomas P. Nichols  
Joseph Taber  
Tim. Hanson

Lydia R. Taber  
Ann Eliza Lang  
Rachel B. Nichols  
Elmira S. Hanson  
Martha C. Austin

## Dover

Isaac Roberts  
Tobias Meader

Hannah Morrill  
Abigail C. Peede

## Fairfield

Wm. Farr  
Alaen Gampton  
Daniel Page

Fanny S. Puckham  
Eunice W. Farr

who are present except four for whose absence sufficient cause was reported.

We have had at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends.

David Stunt of Stoney creek m <sup>c</sup> meetg & 11 Langor 27. M. 9	Iowa
Enos G. May of Milford m <sup>c</sup> meetg & Whitewater 27. M. 8	Indiana
Jon <sup>a</sup> De Voll of Moreau m <sup>c</sup> meetg & Saratoga 27. M. 8	New York
Cornelius Douglas of Dover m <sup>c</sup> meetg & Center 27. M. 8	Ohio
William Perkins of Upper Springfield. M. M. 9	Ohio
Amos L. Benedict of Alum Creek monthly & 27. M. 8	Ohio
Rebecca Collins of New York monthly meetg	New York
Sarah M. Hiatt of Newbury m <sup>c</sup> . Meetg & Highland 27. M. 8	Ohio
Elizabeth L. Bonstock of Rollin m <sup>c</sup> meetg & Adrian 27. M. 8	Michigan
Sarah Ann Linton of Center m <sup>c</sup> & 27. meetings	Ohio
Eliza Brewer of West Lake m <sup>c</sup> & 27. meetings	Canada West
Ruth C. Hall of Fairbury m <sup>c</sup> & Quarterly meetings	Vermont



On 18th whose certificates expressive of the unity of their respective meetings with their ministry and present religious engagements were read.

We have also the acceptable company of our friends  
Stephen Wood an elder & member of Chatagua M<sup>c</sup> Meetg New York  
Lucinda Stadley <sup>an elder</sup> companion to Sarah Ann Antow of 2  
Springfield M<sup>c</sup> Meetg Ohio  
Margaret Stunt an Elder of Newberry M<sup>c</sup> Meetg Ohio  
Companion to Sarah M. Stratt  
on whose behalf satisfactory certificates were received and read.

Stephen Jones David Puffum Joseph Metcalfe  
Wm C. Taber, Nathaniel Reed, Peter Beck, Henry M. Minot  
Wm Farr, Tobias Meader Josiah Chace, Sarah F. Tobey  
Ann Elmina Lang, Susan E. Brown, Eliza B. Boyce Lydia  
Condon, Mary E. Reed Ruth Anthony Hannah Morrill  
& Mary Gifford are appointed to have the oversight of meetings  
held during the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting and report  
their attention and service at another sitting.

Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon

Adjournment  
afternoon

Afternoon met according to adjournment

The Representatives through one of their number informed  
the meeting, that they were united in proposing Wm C. Taber for  
clerk and David Puffum for assistant clerk of this meeting,  
which propositions were united with and they appointed to those  
services for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our friend  
Mary Jane DeVoll an elder of Moreau M<sup>c</sup> Meetg New York,  
who accompanies her husband Jon<sup>a</sup> DeVoll, on whose behalf  
a satisfactory certificate was received and read.

The queries were read at this time with answers from  
all our Quarterly Meetings — a summary of which is as follows:

Answer 1.<sup>st</sup> Ministers and elders are careful to attend  
their meetings for divine worship and are engaged to bring their  
families with them. — also diligent in attending those for discipline



and are engaged concerned to encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

2<sup>d</sup> Ministers in the exercise of their gift, we trust are careful to wait for divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

3<sup>d</sup> The lives and conversation of ministers and elders are in good measure clean and blameless among men. They are in a good degree in unity one with another and with the meeting they belong to and endeavor to maintain harmony of labor for truth's honor, except that in the answer from one Quarterly meeting, it is stated that there is not that fulness of unity and harmony of labor that could be desired.

4<sup>th</sup> They are concerned to rule their own houses well, and to bring up their families in plainness which truth requires in dress, language and true moderation and to be exemplary in these respects themselves.

5<sup>th</sup> They are engaged to be peace makers in families and in the church — are careful to maintain the discipline (not screening their own families therefrom) and to administer justice, with some exceptions in the answer from one Quarterly meeting.

Adjourned to 8 O'clock on Fifth day morning next.

Fifth day morning the 16<sup>th</sup> met according to adjournment.

The Representatives being called were present except one, whose absence was accounted for at our first sitting.

The following minute embodying the exercise spread before this meeting, at its last sitting, drawn up and presented by a beloved brother, was read to our satisfaction. — And desiring that our absent brethren may participate with us in the concern therein set forth the clerk is directed to forward copies of the same to our subordinate meetings.

"The answers to the queries at this time, while they manifest throughout our meetings generally a good degree of preservation and apparent health, give evidence that in some portions of the church represented here, there is a want of that love and harmony of labor for truth's honor which are entirely essential to the promotion of the cause of Christ. This meeting has been brought into deep exercises on this account and we are engaged tenderly to exhort our beloved



On 1864 friends to enter into close self examination in the sight of the Lord.  
— What is the cause of any breach of unity between brethren? —

We are the professed followers of Jesus — enlisted under his banner — concerned to bring others unto Him — to show unto them the way of salvation through Him — to set forth and magnify the matchless love wherewith he had loved us — to preach repentance and faith — to manifest by a meek and lowly spirit that we are taught of Him.

They who are truly the servants of Jesus and in his spirit cannot permit any root of bitterness to exist in their hearts towards an erring brother. In the love of Christ they will approach him and point out to him the error of his way — they will tenderly take him by the hand, and prayerfully and tearfully showing him his danger, entreat him to seek unto Christ for strength to return to the place of safety. Love begets love, and being ourselves filled with the restoring, love of Christ it will hardly fail to reach those to whom it is conveyed and we may be mercifully favored to be instrumental in saving a brother.

And to those who have been unwatchful — who have brought a burden upon the Church — who have grieved the faithful — who have wounded the children of God — who have wandered from the safe fold — we are engaged to extend the word of warning, and to offer the language of tender criticism to repent and return and do works meet for repentance. Be willing to be humbled by the Lord — seek forgiveness of Him — confess your faults unto Him and unto the Church — Let no pride of opinion — let no fear of man, or love of the world or desire of popular applause keep you from the feet of Jesus. Be watchful, be prayerful, avoid temptation, keep closely within the limitations of Truth and you will again know the candle of the Lord to shine round about your heads — you will again be enabled to bring forth fruits to His praise, and the peace of God that passeth understanding will again be yours. We have an unwearied adversary against whose wiles we should continually guard. We are none of us safe except as we watch and pray —

We have none of us strength to keep ourselves. In Christ only is strength — in Him alone is safety.

The ministry of the Word is a sacred engagement and to be entered upon from time to time under the fresh anointing and unction of the Holy One. This has ever been our faith and profession, and its practical observance is of vital importance, and should deeply and always rest upon the heart of every minister, keeping him humble before the Lord under a sense of his entire dependence upon



them for ability, and qualifications to speak in this name, carefully watching, lest we may be betrayed, from external causes, in the order of our natural feelings into the error of uttering words of our own choosing, or of extending a hand unbidden.

Finally, beloved friends, let us all be engaged to watch over our own hearts; to be aroused and alarmed at the first budding of any feeling of estrangement towards a brother. If we believe him to be in danger let us lovingly caution him and seek to draw him back to Christ, and the God of love may graciously bless us in our deed. Above all let us take him with us to the mercy seat in our prayers that he may be delivered from all the temptations of the cruel enemy of our souls. Let the apostolic injunction ever be remembered:—"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer". And may the God of grace be with us all—Amen.

Received at this time the following minute from the clerk of the Yearly Meeting which was read and directed to be recorded.

Yearly Meeting, Sixth month 1864

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that Rachel T. Holder an elder and member of Salem monthly meeting departed this life on the 24th of 3d month last aged 64 years 8 months and that William Rogers Jr an elder and member of Seabrook monthly meeting, died on the 5th of 9th month 1863 aged 77 years 21 days.

Danvers reports that Rachel Swain an elder and member of Nantucket monthly meeting, deceased June 4th 1863 aged 91 years 8 months and 8 days; and that Lydia Studdy a minister and member of the same monthly meeting, departed this life Jan 18th 1864 aged 54 years 11 months.

Falmouth informs that Thomas Jones a minister and member of Durham monthly meeting, died 7th of 1st month 1864 aged 93 years and 8 months.

Smithfield reports that Joel Marsh an elder and member of Uxbridge monthly meeting, deceased 12th of 12m. 1863 aged 86 years 7 months.

Vassalboro reports that it had united with Unity monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Martha Austin;—with Vassalboro monthly meeting in a similar recognition and approval of Lucy E. Whitehouse; and also with China monthly meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Peace Jones, and



6<sup>th</sup> 1864 in the appointment of Lois Varney to the station of elder.

Lydia Monier an elder and member of Vassalboro monthly meeting deceased the 5<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> month 1863 aged 84 years and Jonathan Estes an elder and member of China monthly meeting deceased the 30<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month 1864 aged 83 years and 10 months.

From Dover we learn that Sarah B Roberts a minister and member of Dover monthly meeting departed this life the 4<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> month 1863 aged 67 years 7 months and 20 days.

Field reports that it has united with Litchfield monthly meeting in the appointment of Deborah Wing and Reuben J Jones to the station of elder, that Eliza M Farr a minister and member of Litchfield monthly meeting died 9<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1863 aged 49 years bro + 4 days — that Abby Bailey an elder and member of the same monthly meeting died 1<sup>st</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1864 aged 56 years bro + 24 days and that Patience D Swans a minister and also a member Litchfield monthly meeting, died 2<sup>nd</sup> 17 1864 aged 58 years 1<sup>st</sup> 25 days

From the minutes of the meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk.

The Committee appointed to have the oversight of meetings made the following report:

" The Committee for the oversight of meetings report that thus far the meetings in our judgment have been seasons of Divine favor

David Buffum for the Committee "

The business claiming our attention at this time having been accomplished under a feeling of thankfulness that we have been permitted to sit as it were at the Lords table, partaking of His all sufficient provision and joying that His canopy over us had been love, we conclude — proposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

Wm S Taber Clerk



At a Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held  
at Newport on Rhode Island for New England on 10 and by  
adjournment on 15 1865.

By accounts received from our quarterly meetings  
the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are: -

from Rhode Island

Joseph Metcalf  
Samuel Boyd Tobey  
David Buffum  
Timothy C Collins  
Abner Glade

Elizabeth Meader  
Mary A Smith  
Sarah Glade  
Helena Freeborn

from Salem

Daniel Peede  
Newell Ordway  
Samuel Boyce  
Stephen A Chase  
John Page

Susan L Brown  
Elizabeth Gove  
Mary E Breed  
Hannah Page  
Elizabeth Boyce  
Abigail M Hanson

from Sandwich

Isaac R Gifford  
David R Thier  
Wm C Taber  
Joseph Wing

Sarah H Anthony  
Mercy K Wing  
Anna G. Wood  
Rachel S. Howland

from Falmouth

Henry M Minot  
George Douglas  
Wm Winslow  
Joshua Douglas

Maria B Jones  
Jane C Minot  
Jane Pope  
Lydia Winslow

from Smithfield

Albert S Payson  
Thomas Grovers  
Greely Dow

Roanna W Grover  
Trisby Andrews  
Eliza W Babcock  
Lydia B Dow

from Vassalboro

John D Lang  
Joseph Taber  
James Jones  
Stephen Jones  
Timothy Stanton

Ann E Lang  
Peace Jones  
Elmira L Hanson  
Hannah T Jenkins  
Mary R Jones

from Dover

Tobias Meader  
Joseph Tuttle

Hannah Morrill  
Sarah P Tuttle



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from Fairfield  
Reuben T. Jones  
Aden Sampson  
Noah Farr

who were present except three - for the absence of two of whom sufficient reasons were given

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends William Green of Ireland with a certificate from the monthly meeting of Lisburn, the Quarterly Meeting for the Province of Ulster and the Yearly Meeting of ministers and elders held in Dublin the 2<sup>d</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> month 1865

also of Daniel Barker

& Isham Cox } of North Carolina Yearly Meeting  
Joseph D. Stora } Iowa " "

William Staughton }

Isaac Fay }

Robert W. Douglass } of Indiana " "

Edward M. Dorland }

Seneca Hazard }

Levi Knowles }

Henry Jewell } of New York " "

Mary M. Miller of Iowa Yearly Meeting

Caroline E. Talbot of Ohio " "

whose certificates expressive of the unity of their respective meetings with their ministry and present religious engagements were read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Wm. C. Taber a minister companion to our friend Edward M. Dorland - of Rhoda Fay an elder companion to ~~our friend~~ her husband Isaac Fay - and of Louisa M. Thompson an elder of Iowa Yearly Meeting on whose behalf satisfactory certificates were received and read.

David Buffum, Stephen Jones William C. Taber Richard Battey, Josiah Chase, Abner Glade Aden Sampson Henry M. Minot Mary E. Breed, Anna G. Wood Susan L. Brown Ann E. Lang, Mary Williams Sarah F. Tobey

are appointed to have the oversight of meetings during the sittings of this Yearly meeting, and report their service to another sitting.

Adjourned to four o'clock this afternoon.



Afternoon - met according to adjournment - 8<sup>th</sup> 1865

Stephen Jones on behalf of the representatives, reported that they were united in proposing William C. Taber for clerk and David Buffum for Assistant-clerk which propositions being separately considered were united with and they accordingly appointed to those services for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The queries were read at this time with answers from all our Quarterly meetings - a summary of which is as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> Ministers and elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship - one account states "in a good degree careful" - and endeavor to bring their families with them. Also diligent in attending those for discipline, with one exception in one account, and concerned to encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

2<sup>d</sup> Ministers in the exercise of their gifts it is believed are careful to wait for divine ability and are preserved thereby from being burdensome, with some exception in one account.

3<sup>d</sup> The lives and conversation of ministers and elders are in good measure clean and blameless among men.

They are in a good degree in unity one with another and with the meetings they belong to harmoniously laboring together for truth's honor. One account states that some deficiency exists in one preparative meeting in this part of the query.

4<sup>th</sup> Ministers and elders endeavor to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness which truth requires in dress, language and true moderation and to be exemplary herein themselves

5<sup>th</sup> They are engaged to be peacemakers in families and in the church, careful to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice. - One account states that some deficiency is expressed in the answer from one preparative meeting;

An acceptable minute on behalf of our beloved friend Ruth Birns an elder now in attendance of this meeting as companion to our beloved friend Caroline E. Talbot was read at this time

Adjourned to Fifth day morning next at 8 o'clock



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Fifth day morning the 15<sup>th</sup> met according to adjournment.

The representatives being called were present except four.

Received at this time the following minute of the Yearly Meeting which was read and is to be recorded on our minutes

Yearly Meeting, br 1865.

Rhode Island Quarterly meeting informs that it has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Esther Chase to the station of elder — Beriah Collins an elder and member of Greenwich monthly meeting deceased the 4<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> month 1864 aged 92 years 4 mos and 10 days and Anna Howland an elder and member of the same meeting died 4<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865 aged 64 years 2 months & 7 days.

Salem — reports that it has united with Ware monthly meeting in the appointment of Mary B Page to the station of elder and with Seabrook monthly meeting in the appointment of Josiah D Challis to the same station. — that it has also united with Salem monthly meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Ruth D Page, — who has since on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the 4<sup>th</sup> month departed this life aged 39 years and 5 months. — That Miriam Newhall an elder and member of Salem monthly meeting, died 9<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1864 aged 77 years and that Enoch Page an elder and member of the same meeting, deceased 3<sup>rd</sup> 29 ~~1865~~ of the present year aged 75 years and 4 months.

Sandwich — informs that Ruth Davis a minister and member of New Bedford monthly meeting, deceased 9<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1864 aged 86 years 4 months and 12 days and that William Gifford a minister and member of Sandwich monthly meeting departed this life on the 18<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>d</sup> month 1865 aged 86 years 10 mos and 26 days.

Falmouth — reports that it has united with Durham monthly meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth A Douglas to the station of elder.

Smithfield — informs that it has united with Smithfield monthly meeting in the appointment of Nelson Taft to the station of elder.



Nassaboro has united with Unity monthly meeting in appointing Bro 1865  
Jane A Varney to the station of elder.

Dover - reports that it has united with Sandwich monthly meeting  
in the appointment of Paul Hoag to the station of elder. - That  
Phebe H Meader an elder and member of Dover monthly  
meeting, died 12<sup>th</sup> mo 26<sup>th</sup> 1864 in the 49<sup>th</sup> year of her age,  
and that Elizabeth Varney an elder and member of  
the same meeting deceased 5<sup>th</sup> mo 26 1865 aged 73 years  
10 mo. 11 days.

Fairfield - informs that Olive Wing, an elder and member  
of Sidney monthly meeting deceased 8<sup>th</sup> mo 5<sup>th</sup> 1864 aged  
75 years and 20 days.

From the minutes of the meeting  
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

The committee to have the oversight of meetings  
presented the following report viz.

To the Yearly meeting of members & elders

The committee appointed to have the  
oversight of meetings have given attention to their appointment  
and having consulted together were united in reporting that  
the meetings thus far held have been orderly conducted and  
have been seasons of favor

On behalf of the committee  
Stephen Jones

Newport 6<sup>th</sup> mo 25. 1865

The business brought before us being accomplished we  
conclude with the thankful acknowledgement that Lord has  
been pleased to be with us and that his canopy over us has  
been love. We propose to meet again at this place at the  
usual time next year if in the ordering of Divine Providence.  
Attest Wm C Taber Clerk.



June 1866

At a Yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders held at  
Newport on Rhode Island for New England the 9th of Sixth  
month 1866.

By accounts from our Quarterly meetings the represent-  
atives appointed to attend this meeting are  
from Rhode Island

Represent-  
atives

Perez Peck	Elizabeth Meader
Abner Slade	Mary A Smith
Samuel Boyd Tobey	Gulielma Freeborn
James Dennis	Esther Chase
Joseph Bartland	Ruth Anthony

Salem

Newell Ordway	Abigail M Hanson
Sam Boyce	Ruth D Chalis
John Page	Mary E Bred
Daniel Beede	Elix Page
Joshua D Chalis	Hannah Page

Sandwich

Wm C Taber	Rachel S Howland
George Amy	Elizabeth Dillingham
Newell Storie	Thebe R Gifford
David H Akin	Mary Gifford
Isaac R Gifford	

Falmouth

Henry M. Minot	Martha Pratt
Joshua Douglas	Elixa Ann Douglas
Abm Winslow	Jane C Minot
George Douglas	Jane Pope
Calvin G Goddard	
Silas Bartland	

Smithfield

Nelson Taft	Ruth M Battey
Thomas Mover	Lucy F Collins
Charles Hadwin	Lydia B Coe

Vassalboro

John D Lang	Ann E Lang
James Jones	Martha Austin
Jedediah J Varney	Elizabeth L Cook
Stephen Jones	Annira S Hanson
Timothy Hanson	Sybil Jones
Joseph Taber	



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Stephen Beede

Abigail C Beede

Jacob K Fairmont

Susan L Meader

Fairfield

Reuben Jones

Emmie W Farr

William Farr

who are present except four, for the absence of two of whom sufficient reasons were given.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends in the ministry from other Yearly meetings viz

John L Eddy

David St Bennett

Lewis Odell

Samuel Betts

John Scott

Jesse T. Hartley

Benjamin Fulgum

Jacob Hadley

Eli Jessup

Elizabeth L. Bonstock

Deborah C. Thomas

Rebecca T. Updegraff

} of New York Yearly Meeting

Philadelphia

Baltimore

Ohio

Indiana

Iowa

New York

Baltimore

Ohio

Ministering

Friends in

attendance

Also of our friends

Mary Eddy an elder who accompanies her husband

John L Eddy

Maria Willet, an elder companion to Deborah C Thomas

Lucinda Hadley, an elder, companion to her husband

Jacob Hadley.

Companions

are

Our beloved friend Sybil Jones, a minister with whom we have near unity and fellowship said before this meeting a prospect that had for several years past at times impressed her mind to attend the Yearly meetings of London and Dublin - the meetings constituting them and such other service as may be required within their limits - Also to extend the labor to the continent of Europe - to Italy & the valley of Piedmont - the country of the Waldenses and some other places as way may be opened for her by her blessed Lord. - Which concern having had the unity of the monthly and quarterly meetings to which she belongs and now claiming the feeling and prayerful consideration

Sybil

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to London

to



Jan<sup>y</sup> 1866 of this meeting, was fully united with and she left at liberty and encouraged to proceed therein as the dear Master may lead and we commend her to the grace of God and the Christian consideration and sympathy of those among whom her lot may be cast.

Eli Jones Our beloved friend Eli Jones a minister in unity and fellowship with us opened in this meeting a prospect of attending in company with his wife Sybil Jones the Yearly meetings of London & Dublin and of performing such other service within their limits and also on the continent of Europe as way may open for in the Truth. He also presented certificates of unity and concurrence from the monthly and quarterly meetings of which he is a member.

This concern claiming, the consideration of the meeting, was fully united with and he encouraged to proceed therein as Truth may open the ways.

Committee Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D Lang, David Buffum, Samuel Boyce, Sarah F Tobey, Ann E. Lang, Eliza Boyce and Rachel S Howland are appointed to prepare suitable certificates expressive of our unity & concurrence with the concern of our dear friends Eli & Sybil Jones and present the same to an adjournment of this meeting.

Oversight of meetings & other purposes Stephen Jones, David Buffum, Josiah Chase, Richard Battey, George Almy, Joseph Metcalf, Lydia R. Taber, Mary E. Bried, Lydia Longdon, Selma Treborn and Hannah Page are appointed to have the oversight of meetings during the sitting of the Yearly Meeting, and also to extend such aid and assistance to friends attending it toward carrying out their religious concern as may be required to effect that object. - To report at a future sitting.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon - met according to adjournment.

John D Lang on behalf of the representatives reported that they were united in proposing Wm C Taber for clerk and David Buffum for assistant clerk - which nominations were separately considered and united with and they were



appointed to these respective services accordingly for the year ensuing, or until another appointment

The queries were read in this meeting, with answers from all our Quarterly meetings a summary of which is subjoined - And in a feeling view of the sorrowful deficiencies reported to exist in one of our select preparative meetings we appoint the following friends a committee to visit ~~and~~ the members composing the meeting referred to who have been unhappily the cause of these deficiencies and to proceed carefully and prayerfully, seeking the guidance of heavenly wisdom to labor in the spirit of restoring love to bring them to a sense of the blessedness of dwelling in that safe abiding place - the unity and fellowship of the brethren in the love of the Father and of the Son.

The committee are as follows.

Richard Battey

David H. Allen

Wm C. Taber

Perez Teck

Chas R. Tucker

Margail S. Battey

Lydia Longdon

Sarah F. Tobey

Anna G. Wood

Eliza B. Boyce

Adjourned to Fifth day morning next at 8 o'clock

Summary of answers (referred to above.)

1<sup>st</sup> Ministers and elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship and are concerned to bring their families with them with the modification in one account "that ministers and elders are generally careful."

They diligently attend meetings for discipline and are concerned to encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable except that in the same account it is stated that "a portion of our select members have for quite a length of time wholly neglected the attendance of our select preparative meeting."

2<sup>d</sup> Ministers in the exercise of their gifts we believe are careful to wait for divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome except that one account states that "we believe that most of our ministers endeavor to wait for divine ability."

3<sup>d</sup> Ministers and elders are in a good degree careful



627866 that their lives and conversation be clean and blameless among men. — Preserved in a good degree of unity one with another and with the meeting, they belong to, — Harmonizing together in labor for the honor of truth. — yet some deficiency exists in one meeting, in regard to unity and harmony of labor.

4<sup>th</sup> Ministers and elders are engaged to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness in dress, language, and true moderation. In a good degree careful as to example.

5<sup>th</sup> They are engaged to be peacemakers in families and in the church. — Careful to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families therefrom, with a few exceptions in one meeting. Care is taken to administer justice.

6274 Fifth day morning the 14<sup>th</sup> the meeting again assembled.

The representatives being called were present except three.

Minute from received and read <sup>— and</sup> is in usual course recorded.

Yearly Meeting 62<sup>o</sup> 1866

By reports from the Quarterly Meetings it appears that Rhode Island has united with Providence monthly meeting in the appointment of Hannah F. Peckham to the station of elder.

Jonathan Dame an elder and member of Rhode Island monthly meeting deceased 10<sup>th</sup> month 31<sup>st</sup> 1865 aged 79 years 6 months and 10 days.

Hannah C. Robinson a minister and member of Swansey monthly meeting died 7<sup>mo</sup> 31 1865 aged 76 years 1 month, 27 days.

Galeon — informs that it has united with Seabrook monthly meeting, in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Daniel Beede, and in the appointment of Loviah Folsom to the station of elder; that Martha Meader, a minister and member of Seabrook monthly meeting, departed this life on the 31<sup>st</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> month, 1865 in the seventy eighth year of her age.

Sandwich reports that Staldah Gifford a minister and member of Sandwich monthly meeting deceased 12<sup>mo</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1865 aged 84 years 4<sup>mo</sup> 28 days; and that Anna E. Nmy, an elder and member of Dartmouth monthly meeting, died 1<sup>mo</sup> 31<sup>st</sup>.



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Falmouth reports that it has united with Durham monthly meeting, in acknowledging the gift - and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Calvin S. Goddard; that Eunice Day a minister and member of the same meeting, deceased 4th 5th 1866 aged 52 years 5 months and 9 days and also that Charity Crossman, an elder died on the 5th of 5th month 1866 aged 80 years 2 months and 4 days.

Smithfield reports that it has united with Smithfield monthly meeting, in the appointment of Abigail S. Batley and Lucy S. Payson to the station of elder; that Lydia Gates an elder and member of Bolton monthly meeting, died 11th mo 19th 1865 aged 92 years 5 months and 17 days; and that Thebe S. Pond an elder and member of Uxbridge monthly meeting, deceased 1st 25th 1866 aged 68 years 4 months and 10 days.

Vassalboro reports that it has united with China monthly meeting, in discontinuing the appointment of Henry Carey to the station of elder, with Vassalboro monthly meeting in appointing Elijah Cook and Hzekiah Pope, with China monthly meeting in the appointment of Benjamin Frye and William A. Jones and with Unity monthly meeting in appointing Robert Hanson and Sarah Hanson to the station of elder.

James Van Blarcom a minister and member of China monthly meeting, died 7th 12th 1865 aged 47 years 11 months and 18 days, - Nathan Mower, an elder died 8th 7th 1865 aged 89 years 6 months, - Anna Bates, a minister died 10th 25th 1865, aged 66 years 8 months 15 days, and Edmund Whitthouse, an elder, deceased 1st 10th 1866 aged 52 years 5 months 12 days, all members of Vassalboro monthly meeting.

Fairfield informs of the decease of Daniel Shepherd, an elder and member of St. Albans monthly meeting, 5th 29th 1864 aged 64 years 1 month and 12 days.

From the minutes of the meeting  
(Signed) Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

An essay of a certificate on behalf of our beloved friend Sybil Jones presented at this time by the committee appointed at a previous meeting, was approved as was also a similar essay from the same committee on behalf of her husband Eli Jones who accompanies and is united with her

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b27866 in the same religious concern. (see below)

The clerk is directed to inform the Yearly meeting of our unity and concurrence with our dear friends Eli and Sybil Jones in their proposed religious engagement - and to lay their certificates, for information, before that meeting.

Report  
oversight  
of  
Meetings

The committee appointed to have the oversight of meetings and for other purposes presented the following report viz.

To the yearly meeting of ministers & elders

The Committee for the oversight of meetings report - that in their judgment thus far the meetings have been held to good satisfaction.

on behalf of the Committee  
Stephen Jones

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude with a feeling of thankfulness that the dear Master has been again with us drawing us more and more together by the cords of His love, - proposing to meet again in the sixth month next at this place if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm C. Taber Clerk

To friends of the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland  
and to all where these may come

Dear friends

Our beloved friend Sybil Jones opened in this meeting, a concern which for some years has impressed her mind, that in obedience to the call of her divine Master it would be her duty again to cross the ocean, and visit in gospel love the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland and the meetings constituting them and to attend to such other religious service within their limits as the great Head of the Church may direct; extending her visit to the continent of Europe, and if way should open for it, to some other places on the borders of the Mediterranean and that she believed the time had now fully come to bring this weighty concern to the Church. This meeting was introduced into deep and prayerful consideration of this extensive and important engagement, earnestly seeking to witness divine direction, and it resulted in the united belief that our dear sister is called of



the Lord to this service.

We commend her to you as a minister of the gospel, sound in word and doctrine, concerned carefully to listen to the voice of the good Shepherd and to follow Him. We affectionately ask you to extend to her your sympathetic Christian care and attention, and pray for her that she may know Him whom she is engaged to serve to be near her at all times, to guide, to comfort and to keep her, and if consistent with his perfect wisdom, to restore her in safety again to us in the enjoyment of His peace.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> month 1866.

Wm C. Fisher clerk.

To friends of the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland and to all where these may come:

Dear friends

Our beloved friend Eli Jones informed this meeting, that he believed it to be his duty, in company with his dear wife Sybil Jones, to attend the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland, to visit the meetings constituting them and if way should open for it, to extend his visit to the continent of Europe and some other places bordering on the Mediterranean and to perform such other religious service as may be called for at his hands.

This concern of our dear friend received the solid and deliberate consideration of this meeting, and was united with, and he was liberated to pursue his prospect under the guidance of divine wisdom. We recommend him to you as a minister of the gospel of Christ, in good esteem with us, and crave for him that he may from time to time witness the fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit to qualify him rightly to divide the word and to minister to the edification of those to whom he may feel himself drawn. - We commend him as a brother beloved to your Christian care and attention, earnestly desiring his preservation in safety, and restoration to us, if consistent with the divine will, in the enjoyment of the peace of Christ.

Signed so similarly to the preceding



June 1867

At a Yearly Meeting, of Ministers and Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New-England the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sixth month 1867.

By accounts from our Quarterly meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are,

from Rhode Island

Perez Peck	Eliza Meader
Gideon C Smith	Gulielma Freiborn
Geo. Anthony	Sarah Slade
Abner Slade	Cynthia Bowen
Sam <sup>l</sup> Boyd Tobey	Mary A Smith

from Salem

Daniel Beede	Abigail M Hanson
Sam <sup>l</sup> Boyce	Olivia C Oliver
John Page	Hannah T Sawyer
Ephraim Lighton	Mary E Breed
Newell Ordway	Hannah Page
	Sabina A Page

Sandwich

Wm C Taber	Anna G Wood
Geo. Hmy	Eliza Hull
Lemuel Gifford	Ruth H Baker
Asell Hotie	Elizabeth C Wing

Falmouth

Abm Winslow	Elizabeth Ann Douglas
Stephen Cartland	Maria A Jones
Calvin F Goddard	Eunice J. Rich
George Douglas	

Smithfield

Albert S Payson	Phoebe S Marsh
Charles Hadwin	Lydia B Dow
Geely Dow	Lucy F Payson

Vassalboro

James Jones	Rachel B Nichols
John D Lang	Ann E Lang
Stephen Jones	Mary R Jones
Isidiah S Varney	Jane A Varney
Alfred H Jones	Ann Jones
	Lydia Shepherd



6th 1867

Dover

Jacob S. Purinton  
Tobias Meader  
Stephen Beede

Martha E. Pratt  
Abigail b. Beede  
Cynthia Buffum

Weymouth

Charles F. Coffin  
Noah Farr  
Reuben L. Jones  
William Farr

Emmie W. Farr  
Fanny S. Pinkham  
Sarah W. Farr

who are present except two for whose absence sufficient reasons were given.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends in the ministry with certificates from other Yearly meetings as follows

Hannah S. Fry	from New York Yearly Meeting
Julia Valentine	}
Sarah F. Smiley	
Ellen M. Nicholson	
Joseph Stanley	}
William Perkins	
Edith Griffith	
Mary Elliot	}
Abigail W. Kelley	
Theodate S. Pope	
Robert W. Douglas	}
Daniel McTherson	
Nathan Elliot	
Lindley M. Hoag,	

Ministry  
from  
other  
Yearly

Baltimore  
North Carolina  
Ohio  
Indiana  
Western  
Iowa

We have also the acceptable company of Amos Griffith an elder companion to his wife Edith Griffith  
Mary Wood an elder companion to Mary Elliot  
& Catharine Elliot an elder companion to her husband Nathan Elliot.

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Stephen Jones, Richard Talley, Perez Peck, Josiah Chase, David Buffum, Abner Slade, Wm. S. Lober, Geely Snow, Mrs. Lucia Lang, Sarah Proby, Lydia Congdon, Rachel W. Nichols & Anna L. Dennis are appointed to have the oversight of meetings during the sitting of the Yearly Meetings and also



6m 1567 to extend such aid and assistance to friends in the ministry attending it toward carrying out their religious concern as may be required to effect that object. To report to a future sitting.

A paper was produced in this meeting, which on its examination by a committee proved to be a Christian salutation from the Pastor and Deacons of the 2<sup>d</sup> Baptist Society in this city kindly offering the use of their house for the purposes of holding a meeting for religious worship to morrow afternoon, at a time when our own meeting house is insufficient to accommodate those who would attend.

This act of Christian courtesy is gratefully received and we accept the offer in the spirit in which it was made and if way opens for it a meeting will be held at their meeting house to-morrow afternoon at 4 O'clock.

The Clerk is directed to acknowledge the kindness of these our Christian friends and inform them of our acceptance of their offer.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — Friends again met.

John D Lang on behalf of the representatives reported that they were united in proposing Wm C Taber for clerk and David Buffum for assistant clerk which propositions being separately considered were united with and they were accordingly appointed to those services respectively for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The queries with answers from all our Quarterly meetings were read at this time.

The committee appointed at our last Yearly meeting of ministers and elders to visit the friends composing the Select preparative meeting of Fairfield report that they have had several interviews with them and altho there was on the occasion of these visits an evident disposition in love to forgive and to be reconciled one to another yet this condition of things has not they fear

Offer of loan of meeting house  
by the Officers of 2<sup>d</sup> Baptist Society - Newport

Report of  
Committee  
to visit  
Fairfield



been abode in. The committee is continued and is directed in addition to visit Fairfield Quarterly meeting of ministers and elders and to render such advice as they may find necessary. b. 7867

Adjourned to 8 O'clock on fifth day morning next.

Fifth day morning the 20<sup>th</sup> Friends again met.

The representatives being called were present except four - for the absence of three of whom sufficient reasons were given.

The following minute received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting was read and is in usual course recorded  
Yearly Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> Mo. 1867

By the reports from the Quarterly meetings it appears that Rhode Island has united with Providence monthly meeting, in acknowledging the gifts and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah K Reynolds and Gertrude W Bartland. Minute from clerk 4969

That Salem has united with Seabrook monthly meeting in the appointment of Joel H Davis to the station of elder. Elizabeth Page a minister and member of Weare monthly meeting, died 3<sup>rd</sup> month 24<sup>th</sup> 1867 aged 57 years less 3 days.

Sandwich has united with Sandwich monthly meeting in acknowledging the gifts and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Charity G. Dillingham and Lois B. Gifford. John R Davis a minister and member of New Bedford monthly meeting, deceased 7<sup>th</sup> Mo. 27<sup>th</sup> 1866 aged 90 years 10 mo. & 18 days. Mary Shepherd an elder and member of Pembroke monthly meeting deceased 1<sup>st</sup> Mo. 22<sup>d</sup> 1867 aged seventy eight years 7 mo. & 22 days.

Salmouth reports that it has united with Windham monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Lydia S. Bartland and with Durham monthly meeting, in appointing Robert Goddard of Lewiston, Joseph Bartland, Patience Goddard & Susan R Bartland to the station of elder, and that Mary T Varney a minister and member of Durham monthly meeting, died 5<sup>th</sup> Mo. 24<sup>th</sup> 1866 aged 69 years 7 mo. &



627867 and 10 days. and that Abigail S. Goddard an elder and member of the same meeting died 1<sup>st</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1866 aged 60 years 3<sup>mo</sup> & 25 days.

Vassalboro has united with China monthly meeting in the appointment of Mary C. Jones to the station of elder. Jacob Partridge an elder and member of Vassalboro monthly meeting, deceased 3<sup>d</sup> month 18<sup>th</sup> 1867 aged 85 years 8 months and 27 days. Josiah Jones an elder and member of China monthly meeting, died 1<sup>st</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1867 aged 74 years 11 months and 6 days.

Dover has united with Berwick monthly meeting in the appointment of Isaac Varney and Eliza P. Varney to the station of elder.

Fairfield has united with Litchfield monthly meeting in the appointment of Moses Bailey and Mary Ann Bailey to the station of elder.

From the minutes  
(Signed) Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

Stephen Jones on behalf of the Committee to have the oversight of meetings and for other purposes reported that attention had been given to the appoint<sup>ment</sup> and that the Committee were united in the belief that thus far the several meetings had been held to satisfaction.

Summary of answers  
The following summary of the answers received at this time was read

Answer 1.<sup>st</sup> Ministers and elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship and are engaged to bring their families with them. They diligently attend meetings for discipline and encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable — With an exception with respect to the attendance of meetings for discipline in one of the answers.

2.<sup>d</sup> Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are believed to be careful to wait for divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome — exceptions are noticed in the answers from two Quarterly meetings.

3.<sup>d</sup> The lives and conversation of ministers and elders are in good measure clean and blameless among men.

They are in unity one with another and with the meeting they belong to, and harmony in labor for truth, honor is witnessed.



Some exception in regard to unity and harmony in labor is noticed in one answer.

4<sup>th</sup> Ministers and elders endeavor to rule their own houses well, to bring up their families in plainness which truth requires, and to be exemplary in these respects themselves.

5<sup>th</sup> They are engaged to be peacemakers in families and in the Church and endeavor to maintain the discipline not screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice - with an exception as to the maintenance of discipline from one Quarterly meeting.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude under a feeling that the loving kindness of our Lord has been indeed with us at this time. We propose to meet again at this place, if the Lord will at the usual time next year.

Attest Wm C Taber Clerk.

At a Yearly Meeting, of ministers and elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England the 13<sup>th</sup> of Sixth month 1868.

By accounts from our Quarterly meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting, are as follows viz:

From Rhode Island

David Buffum	Elizabeth Meader
Obadiah Chase	Ruth Anthony
Perez Peck	Cynthia Bowen
Gilbert Congdon	Sarah Slade
George Anthony	Ruth W Gifford

Salem

Newell Ordway	Mary E Vreed
John Page	Hannah H Sawyer
Stephen A Chase	Lorrah Folsom
Isid St Davis	Hannah Sage
Taber Wood	Ruth J Challis
Samuel Boyce	
Benjamin St Jones	



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### From Sandwich

David K. Akin  
Jonah Holmes Jr  
Newell Hoxie  
Wm C. Taber

Mercy K. Wing,  
Eliza Hull  
Betsey P. Wood  
Rachel S. Howland

### Falmouth

Stephen Cartland  
Abraham Winslow  
Elisha Jones  
Calvin S. Goddard

Sarah C. Minot  
Sarah Jones  
Thebe Winslow

### Smithfield

Thomas Grover  
Richard Battey  
Cheely Dow

Lydia T. Dow  
Ann Maria Browley  
Abby S. Battey

### Vassalboro

John D. Lang,  
James Jones  
Thomas B. Nichols  
Stephen Jones  
Caleb Nichols  
Herrickiah Pope

Ann Jones  
Rachel B. Nichols  
Ann Elmira Lang,  
Mary C. Jones  
Jane St. Jones

### Dover

Jacob K. Tuntitor  
Tobias Meader  
Jos. St. Pratt

Martha E. Pratt  
Susan L. Meader  
Hannah Morrill

### Fairfield

David Dudley  
William Farr  
George Richardson  
Reuben T. Jones

Eunice Winslow

Of whom seven are absent — Sufficient reasons were given for the nonattendance of four.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends in the ministry, with certificates, from other Yearly Meetings as follows:

William St. Chase

Lydia Green

Edward C. Young

Harriet Steers

John Henry Douglas

Daniel McThurson

} from New York Yearly Meeting  
of Ohio Yearly Meeting  
from Indiana Yearly Meeting



and William Wetherald from Canada Yearly Meeting.

We have also the acceptable company of Francis T King, an elder with certificate from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, and Elizabeth C Underhill companion to Lydia Allen

Stephen Jones, David Buffum, Perez Peck Richard Batley, Josiah Chase, Tobias Meader Joseph Wing, Mary E Reed, Ann Elmira Lang, Ruth M Batley, Hannah Morrill, Abby S Batley, Selley P. Wood & Anna Mott are appointed to have the oversight of meetings during the sittings of this Yearly Meeting, and to render such assistance to friends in the ministry attending it toward carrying out their religious concern as may be necessary to effect the object. - To report at a future sitting;

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon friends again met.

John D Lang, on behalf of the representatives reported that they had concluded to propose Wm C Taber for Clerk and Gilbert Congdon for assistant clerk, which propositions were separately considered and united with and they accordingly appointed to these services respectively for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The Queries were read at this time with answers from all our Quarterly meetings.

The following summary of the answers was read  
viz.

1<sup>st</sup> Ministers and elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship and are engaged to bring their families with them. Also those for discipline encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

2<sup>d</sup> Ministers in the exercise of their gifts we believe are careful to wait for divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome

3<sup>d</sup> The lives and conversation of ministers and elders



Apr 1868 are in good degree clean and blameless among men. They are well believed in unity one with another and with the meetings they belong to; harmoniously laboring together for the honor of truth; "with some exceptions in regard to unity and harmony of labor in a few," from our Quarterly meeting.

4.<sup>th</sup> Ministers and elders we believe are concerned to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness which truth requires in dress language and true moderation and also to be good examples in these respects themselves.

5.<sup>th</sup> They are engaged to be peacemakers in families and in the church and endeavor to maintain the discipline not screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice as faithful servants.

Adjourned to Fifth day morning next at 8 O'clock.

Fifth day morning the 18.<sup>th</sup> friends again met.

The representatives being called were present except three — one friend present at the first sitting of this meeting is now ~~now~~ necessarily absent.

The committee continued at our Yearly Meeting in the 6<sup>th</sup> month last to visit ~~the~~ Fairfield Quarterly meeting of ministers and elders presented the following report which was accepted and the committee are now released.

To the Yearly Meeting of ministers and elders

In pursuance with our appointment the greater part of the committee attended Fairfield Select Quarterly meeting, held at Manchester in the 9<sup>th</sup> month last and had a satisfactory opportunity with the members of that meeting, and way was made to present such advice as the case appeared to require; which advice was accepted by the meeting, and we understand it has been carried into effect.

We would now propose that the committee be released from further care in the case.

Newport Dec 16. 1868

On behalf of the committee

Perez Peck

Abby S. Patter



The committee to have the oversight of meetings  
report that they think the settings of this yearly meeting,  
have been seasons of favor. bms

The following minutes was received from the  
clerk of the Yearly meeting and was directed to be entered  
on our records viz

Yearly Meeting Ann<sup>o</sup> 1868

By reports from our Quarterly meetings we are  
informed that Rhode Island has united with South  
Kingston monthly meeting, in the appointment of Peter H  
Collins to the station of elder. That Timothy L Collins  
a minister of South Kingston Monthly Meeting, deceased  
5th month 5th 1867 aged 68 years 4 months and one day.

That Moses H Beede, a minister and member of Providence  
Monthly Meeting, deceased the 19th of 6th month 1867, aged  
72 years 1 month and 6 days. That Samuel Royd Tobey  
also a minister and member of that meeting, deceased 23d  
of 6th month 1867 aged 61 years 7 months and 11 days.

That Joseph Attecalc an elder and member of the same  
Monthly Meeting, deceased 27th of 12th month 1867 aged 84  
years and 2 months. That Joanna Peck an elder and  
member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, deceased 15th of 10th  
month 1867 aged 81 years 6 months and 16 days.

Salem informs that they have united with Sealbrook  
Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearance in the  
ministry of Mercy S. Milliken. That Aris Keene, a minister  
and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, deceased the 13th of  
10th month 1867, aged nearly 87 years.

Sandwich informs that Hannah Glade a minister and  
member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, deceased 5th 1st 1867  
aged 79 years 8 months and 2 days, and that Barbara Gifford  
an elder and member of Westport Monthly Meeting, deceased  
10th month 6th, 1867 aged 84 years 10 months and 26 days.

Falmouth informs that they have united with Lim-  
ington Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Eunice D. Cartland  
to the station of elder. That Jesse Crossman an elder and  
member of Durham Monthly Meeting died 9th 3d 1867 aged  
82 years, and that Henry M. Minot, an elder and member  
of Falmouth Monthly Meeting died 1st month 7th 1868 aged  
64 years.

Smithfield informs that Elijah Starkness, an elder and



62 1868 member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, died 11<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865  
aged 88 years and two months; That Catharine Lomstock  
an elder and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died  
6<sup>th</sup> month 20<sup>th</sup> 1867 aged 73 years; and that Lucy F. Collins  
a minister and member of Bolton Monthly Meeting died  
3<sup>rd</sup> month 21<sup>st</sup> 1868 aged 58 years, 1 month and 19 days.

Assalboro informs that they have appointed James Pope  
and Emily E. Dudley to the station of elders, and that Stannard  
Jones an elder and member of China Monthly Meeting, died the  
17<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month 1868, aged 55 years. That John Moulton an  
elder and member of Unity Monthly Meeting, died 29<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup>  
month 1867 aged 63 years.

Dover informs that they have united with Dover Monthly  
Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appear-  
ances in the ministry of Anna Maria Evans; and that they have  
also united with Berwick Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift  
and public appearances in the ministry of Lucinda Pinkham.

Fairfield informs that Reuben Jones a minister and member  
of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, deceased 17<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>d</sup> month 1868 in  
the 51<sup>st</sup> year of his age; and that Mary Coffin an elder and  
member of Sidney Monthly Meeting deceased 20<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> month 1867  
aged 69 years and 10 months.

From the minutes

Samuel Boyce Clerk

The business of this meeting, being accomplished we  
conclude proposing to meet again at the usual time and place  
next year

Attest Wm. Taber Clerk



At a Yearly Meeting, of Ministers and Elders  
held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England.  
June 12 1869

By accounts received from our Quarterly  
Meetings the representatives appointed to attend this  
meeting, are as follows viz:

from Rhode Island

Peck Peck	Elizabeth Meaders
David Buffum	Mary A Smith
Joseph Bartland	Gertrude Wbartland
Gilbert Congdon	Julietta Freeborn
George Anthony	Cynthia Bowen
	Ruth Gifford

Salem

Joel St Davis	Margail M Hanson
Newell Ordway	Sabina A Page
Samuel Boyce	Cynthia W. Huntington
Stephen A Chase	Mary E Breed
Taber Wood	Hannah Page
John Page	Eliza R Boyce

Sandwich

Isaac R Gifford	Ruth St Baker
Newell Hoxie	Anna G Wood
Wm C Taber	Thebe R Gifford
David K Atkin	Rachel S Howland

Falmouth

Elisha Jones	Janie C Minot
Stephen Cartland	Maria B Jones
George Douglas	Sarah B Jones
	Elizabeth A Douglas

Smithfield

Anthony Chase	Abby S Hatley
Richard Batley	Lylea B Dow
Greely Dow	Maria Aldrich

Vassalboro

John L Lang	Martha M Roberts
Stephen Jones	Ann Elmira Lang
Jedediah J Vaneoy	Rachel B Nichols
Jesse Roberts	Race Jones



Lover

Tobias Meader  
Jacob N. Thurston  
Stephen Beede

Hannah G. Sawyer  
Hannah Morrill  
Lucinda Pinkham

Fairfield

Moses Bailey  
Reuben T. Jones  
Geo. Richardson  
Joseph Taylor

Eunice Winslow

who were present except four; for the absence of two of whom sufficient reasons were given.

We have at this time the acceptable company of beloved friends in the ministry with certificates from other Yearly Meetings as follows

Rebecca Collins  
Zacharias St. Powell  
Lewis Bedell of New York Yearly Meeting  
Wm. Nicholson of North Carolina Yearly Meeting  
Martha Watkins  
Caroline E. Talbot of Ohio Yearly Meeting  
Daniel Still of Indiana Yearly Meeting  
Eli Newlin of Western Yearly Meeting  
Mary G. Pinkham of Iowa Yearly Meeting

We have also the acceptable company, with certificates of Wm. T. Taber a minister companion to Zacharias St. Powell;  
Robert W. Hodson an elder companion to Eli Newlin.

Thomas Pinkham an elder who accompanies his wife Mary & S. Pinkham.

Stuart Bedell and Mary S. Bedell his wife of New York both elders are acceptably with us with certificates as is also John Wood a minister of the same Yearly Meeting.

Our friends David H. Athie, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Richard Talley, Perez Rock, Moses Smith, Stephen Beede, Isaac R. Gifford, Abner Stode, Wm. T. Taber, Lydia Congdon, Ann Elmira Lang, Abigail Talley, Mary A. Smith, Sarah S. Anthony, Rachel P. Nichols & Anna G. Wood, are appointed to have the oversight of meetings during the sittings of this Yearly Meeting, and to render such assistance to friends in



The ministers attending it toward carrying out their religious concern as may be necessary to effect the object. To report to a future meeting.

Communications were presented to this meeting which on examination by a committee proved to contain offers on the part of the officers of the 2d Baptist Society and from the Marlboro Street Methodist Society kindly tendering the use of their meeting houses to hold meetings tomorrow afternoon <sup>in</sup> the Second Baptist house and thro the day by the Methodist Society. We thankfully accept the Christian offers made by these dear friends and refer the subject to the committee just appointed for the oversight of meetings to make such arrangements as way may open for in the Truth in relation to these meetings. The Clerk is directed to inform these Christian friends of the acceptance of their offer and in acknowledging their kindness to express to them our appreciation of the feelings of Gospel love on their part which prompted the movement. These manifestations of <sup>the</sup> Christian interest of our fellow professors have renewedly reminded us that one is our Master even Christ and all we are brethren.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, friends again met

John D Lang on behalf of the Representatives reported that they <sup>had</sup> concluded to propose William C Taber for Clerk and Gilbert Congdon as assistant Clerk which nominations being separately considered were united with and they are accordingly appointed to these services for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The Queries were read at this time with answers received from all our Quarterly Meetings.

Adjourned to 5th day morning next at 8 O'clock.

Fifth day morning the 17th met according to adjournment.

The representatives being called were present except three.



June 1869

The following, Summary of the answers received from our Quarterly Meetings was read; viz:

1<sup>st</sup> Ministers and elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship and are engaged to bring their families with them. They diligently attend meetings for discipline and encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

2<sup>d</sup> Ministers in the exercise of their gifts we believe are careful to wait for divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

3<sup>d</sup> The lives and conversation of ministers and elders are in good measure clean and blameless among men. They are in unity one with another and with the meeting they belong to and labor together in harmony for truth's honor.

4<sup>th</sup> They are concerned to rule their own houses well, and to bring up their families in plainness which truth requires, in dress, language and true moderation. And endeavor to be good examples in these respects themselves.

5<sup>th</sup> They endeavor to be peacemakers in families and in the Church, are careful to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice as faithful servants.

The following minute of the Yearly Meeting received from its Clerk was received and is in course recorded

To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders.

By the reports from our several Quarterly Meetings we are informed that Rhode Island has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Deborah Howland to the station of elder, and that Marinus Parker an elder and member of that meeting, deceased 25<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month 1868 aged 77 years and 29 days.

Salem informs that Daniel Gove an elder and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, died 25<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> month 1869 aged 86 years and 13 days.

Sandwich informs that Samuel Brown an elder and member of Pembroke Monthly Meeting deceased 8<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> month 1868 aged 50 years 8 months and 17 days. That Eliza Hull a minister and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting died 10<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month 1868 aged 48 years 11 months and 28 days, and that they had united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Arnold



Gifford to the station of elder, and with Westport Monthly Meeting 6m<sup>o</sup> 1869 in the appointment of Nathaniel Gifford and Thibe Slade, and with New Bedford Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of, Matthew Howland, Seth K. Akin, Dorcas T. Tucker and Susan Taber to the same station.

Ry Falmouth we are informed that they have united with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Stephen Swett, and that John Buffum an elder and member of the same meeting, died 24m<sup>o</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1869 aged 90 years 6 months and 24 days, and Rachel Jones an elder and member of the same meeting died 9m<sup>o</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1868 aged 82 years 6 months and 10 days; and Jane Pope an elder and member of Windham Monthly Meeting died 11m<sup>o</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1868 aged 56 years 6 months and 8 days and Cynthia Hanson an elder and member of the same meeting, deceased 1m<sup>o</sup> 20 1869 aged 61 years 10 months and 2 days.

That Smithfield has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of John Barnes and Maria Aldrich to the station of elder, and with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment Anthony Chase and Minerva Farnum to the same station. That Polly Southerick an elder and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, died 12m<sup>o</sup> 21 1868 aged 87 years and three months, and James J. Fry an elder and member of Wollon Monthly Meeting, died 1m<sup>o</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1869 aged 88 years 5m<sup>o</sup> and 21 days, and Lucy S. Payson an elder and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, deceased 4m<sup>o</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1869 aged 57 years 3m<sup>o</sup> and 29 days.

Vassalboro has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah S. Philbrook and Sarah W. Fry to the station of elder, and with Unity Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Clement W. Jones.

Dover has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of William Page.

Fairfield informs that Elyah Pope an elder and member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting died 8m<sup>o</sup> 21 1868 aged 81 years 10m<sup>o</sup> and 9 days

Extracted from the minutes of New England Yearly Meeting, 6m<sup>o</sup> 1869

Signed Samuel Boyce, Clerk



Dec 18/89

The committee appointed to have the oversight of meetings and to assist friends in relation to their service reported as follows  
To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders

The friends named to have the oversight of meetings and for other purposes report that different members of the committee have attended the meetings authorized by friends and are united in judgment that they were held to good satisfaction.

On behalf of the Committee

(Signed)

Perez Peck

Rachel B. Nichols

which is satisfactory to the meeting.

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father we feel bound to acknowledge that it has been good for us to be here. That thro the blessed presence of the great Head of the Church mercifully vouchsafed to us, as we humbly trust, at ~~this time~~ the several sittings of this meeting we have been comforted together; and love, unity and harmony have prevailed among us. And now our business being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again next year at the time designated by the Yearly Meeting, if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm. C. Tabor Clerk



At a Yearly Meeting, of Ministers and Elders held  
at Newport on Rhode Island for New England on 40. 1870 1870  
By accounts received from all our Branch Meetings  
the representatives appointed to attend this meeting, are as follows,  
viz.

From Rhode Island.

Homer Starr	Gertrude W. Bartland
David Giffam	Cynthia Bowen
Perez Peck	Mary A. Smith
Jonathan Freeborn	Huldah M. Peede
James Dennis	Elizabeth Meader

Salem

Daniel Peede	Abigail M. Hanson
Saml. Boyce	Mary E. Reed
Moses Huntington	Mary P. Paige
John Paige	Josiah Tolson
Isaac Wood	Eliza B. Boyce

Sandwich

Josiah Holmes	Ruth H. Baker
David H. Kirk	Mercy H. Wing
Wm. C. Taber	Phebe A. Wing, Gifford
Arnold Gifford	Anna S. Wood
Lemuel Gifford	Sarah H. Anthony
	Susan Taber

Falmouth

Abel Winslow	Lydia Winslow
Nathan Douglas	
Calvin S. Goddard	

Smithfield

Richard Batten	Abby S. Gentry
Thomas Grover	Phebe S. Marsh

Vassalboro

Eli Jones	Ann E. Lang
Stephen Jones	Sarah A. Jenkins
John J. Lang	Race Jones
Jedediah J. Varney	Rachel J. Nichols
Isaac Roberts	

Dover

Jacob H. Purington	Hannah S. Purington
Joseph H. Pratt	Lucinda Purington
John Meader	Susan L. Meader



June 1870

## Highfield

George Richardson

Noah Farr

Nathan Jones

Moses Bailey

Joseph Taylor

Eunice W Farr

Eunice Winslow

Sarah W Farr

who were present except four, for the absence of one of whom a sufficient reason was given.

We have at this time the acceptable company of beloved friends in the ministry with certificates from other Yearly Meetings as follows

Isaac Robson of the Yearly Meeting of London

David St. Pinner . . . New York

Deborah C Thomas . . . Baltimore

Allen Fay . . . North Carolina

Caroline E Talbot . . . Ohio

Robert W Douglas . . . Indiana

Eli Newlin . . . }

David J McMillan . . . } Western

David Hunt . . . }

James E Aikin . . . }

Lundley M Hoag . . . }

Lucy M F. Canney . . . Iowa

Eliza H Canney . . . Canada

We have also the acceptable company of the following friends with certificates

Maria Willet, an elder companion to Deborah C Thomas from New York Yearly Meeting

Martha S Stanley an elder of Ohio Yearly Meeting

Robert W. Hodson an elder companion to D. J. McMillan

John Newlin an elder companion to Eli Newlin both of Western Yearly Meetings.

Our friends Stephen Jones David K. Aikin Wm. C. Taber, Nathan Breed of Lynn Josiah Chase Joseph Bartland David Buffum Abner Slade Eliza M. Boyce Rachel Nichols Mary A Smith John E. Long Dorcas Tucker Mary E Breed & Rowena W Grover are appointed to have the oversight of meetings during the sittings of this Yearly Meeting, and to render such assistance to friends



in the minister toward carrying out their religious concerns as may be necessary to effect the object. To report to a future meeting

A paper was presented to this meeting, which on examination by a committee was found to contain an offer from the Marlboro Street Methodist Socy, of this city kindly tendering the use of their meeting house on Tuesday next at 10½ O'clock A.M. and at 3 O'clock P.M. for holding meetings for religious worship. The kind interest and charity manifested toward us by these Christian brethren is acceptable to us and the subject is referred for further consideration to the adjournment of this meeting.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — Friends again met.

David Giffum on behalf of the representatives reported that they had been together and had concluded to propose Wm C Fisher for Clerk and Gilbert Congdon for Assistant Clerk which nominations being separately considered were united with and they accordingly appointed to those services for the year ensuing.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Quarterly Meetings — a summary of which is as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Ministers and elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship and endeavor to bring their families with them. They are diligent in the attendance of meetings for discipline and encourage such of their families as are suitable to this duty.

2<sup>d</sup> Ministers in the exercise of their gifts we believe are careful to wait for divine ability and are preserved thereby from being burdensome. One meeting reports that ministers are generally careful.

3<sup>d</sup> Ministers and elders are in good degree careful that their lives and conversation may be clean and blameless among men. They are in unity one with another and with the meetings they belong to, and labor together in



6th 1870 in harmony for unity, honor. A good degree of unity and harmony in labor is reported in two of the accounts.

4<sup>th</sup> They endeavor to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness which truth requires and are engaged to be good examples in these respects themselves.

5<sup>th</sup> They are concerned to be peacemakers in families and in the Church. - careful to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice.

The offer made by our friends of the Marlboro Street Methodist Society of the use of their meeting house being again before the meeting, the clerk was directed to inform them that we thankfully accept it and the committee appointed to have the oversight of meetings are requested to have a care that the meetings are properly held.

Adjourned to 8 O'clock on Third day morning next.

Third day the 14<sup>th</sup> friends again met pursuant to adjournment.

The representatives being called were present except two.

The committee appointed to have the oversight of meetings and for other purposes presented the following report which is submitted to this meeting.

To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders

The committee appointed to have the oversight of meetings have endeavored to attend to their appointment and on conferring together feel authorized to report that all the meetings they have had cognizance of, have been held to good satisfaction. We would suggest that in future some special care should be taken with respect to the meeting, that has not unfrequently been held in the meeting house yard.

For the Committee

Stephen Jones

Ann Elmira Lang

Newport 6th 13, 1870

Our beloved friends Eli & Sybil Jones returned to this meeting, certificates granted them in the 6th month 1866 for religious service in the love of the gospel to friends of the



Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland and to extend their visit <sup>abroad</sup> to the Continent of Europe and the Coast of the Mediterranean Sea should way open for it. They informed friends at this meeting and more at length at a sitting of the Yearly Meeting at large that they had been mercifully helped to do all that had been required of them. They had attended the Yearly Meetings of London & Ireland and many of the meetings belonging thereto. — Eli in particular had spent several months in London on special services among the poor and destitute in that great metropolis. They had together visited the few professing with us in the South of France and had been led to extend their journey to Greece, Palestine, Syria and Egypt — visiting Jerusalem and many of the most noted places in the Holy Land. Damascus in Syria had also been visited and some time was spent among the villages of Lebanon.

In traveling thro the country they had found great openness even among Mahometans to listen to the reading of the Holy Scriptures when assembled at the door of their tent and bibles were distributed freely and received with gratitude by many. A strong desire for the establishment of schools was manifested in many places visited.

They could testify that they had found Him who had led them a kind and bountiful Master ever ready to give grace to do His work and peace in the performance of it. And whilst a sense of humility and unworthiness attended them they had been constantly led to glorify the name of our divine and holy Redeemer and to commemorate the loving kindness of that God who was with them all the way long.

They also presented a minute from the Morning meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London 26<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> month 1869 which was read and is as follows

Morning meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London the 26<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> month 1869

Our dear friends Eli and Sibyl Jones attended this meeting and communicated to us many particulars of their late religious labors in Egypt and Syria. The accounts thus given have deeply engaged the interest and sympathy of this meeting, both in the service of our dear friends and in respects the people whom they have visited. They informed us



6-18,0 us that through help mercifully granted them yet under a humbling sense of their own ~~unworthiness~~ unprofitableness they have been enabled to perform all that they believed to be required of them in those lands, and that now on a review of the past their hearts are filled with deep thankfulness to our heavenly Father for his tender mercy towards them in opening the way and in dealing so bountifully with them. Whilst an earnest desire still rests on their minds that it may please Him in His own time that the feet of other laborers may be turned to those lands.

This meeting unites in the feelings of thankfulness to the Lord for the help thus granted to our dear friends and for their safe and peaceful return, and we greatly desire that the blessing may rest upon them and upon their labors.

A copy of the foregoing minute is to be handed to Eli & Sibyl Jones

Rob. Alsop Clerk this time.

all of which is acceptable to this meeting, and we feel thankful to our Heavenly Father in that He has been pleased to preserve and support our dear friends in all the trials and dangers that they have been called to pass through and that He has enabled them to return to us with the reward of peace ascribing all the glory to His great and everlasting name.

Adjourned to Fifth day morning at 8 o'clock

Fifth day morning the 16<sup>th</sup> the meeting again assembled

A communication from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, was received and read and is in usual course entered on our minutes. It is as follows.

To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders  
By the reports from our Quarterly meetings we are informed that Rhode Island has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the ministry of Mark Anthony and Anne S. Anthony. And that Hannah Almy an Elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting deceased 1<sup>st</sup> 22 1869



aged 92 years 8 mo. 16 days

Salem has united with Seabrook monthly meeting in the appointment of Robert L Brown and Mary Alice Brown to the station of elder. 6m 1870

Pandwich has united with Sandwich monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the ministry of Daniel Swift. And with Westport monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the ministry of Wm P. Macomber. And that Lydia G. Mitchell of Nantucket and Elder and member of New Bedford monthly meeting deceased 10m 7b 1869 aged 82 years 7 months; and that Rhoda H. Fisher a Minister and member of the same monthly meeting deceased 12m 29 1869 aged 73 years 11 mo. 4 20 days.

Falmouth has united with Falmouth monthly meeting in the appointment of Stillman Estes, Mary C Hawks & Hannah V. Meader to the station of elder. And that John W. Minot an elder and member of Falmouth monthly meeting died 2dm 24, 1870 aged 89 years 3mo. 4 20 days.

Vassalboro has united with Unity monthly meeting in the appointment of Elisha Mosher and Jane H. Meader; and with China monthly meeting in the appointment of Oliver Jones and Hattie C. A. Jenkins to the station of elder.

And that Hannah S. Philbrook an elder died July 1869 aged 47 years 4 12 days and Mary Estes an elder deceased 1m 1 1870 aged 86 years 3mo. 4 19 days.

Dover reports that Hannah Morrell an elder and member of Keweenaw monthly meeting, died 3m 13 1870 aged 77 years. and Lydia Varney an elder and member of Dover monthly meeting deceased 3m 14 1870 in her 71<sup>st</sup> year.

Fairfield has united with Sidney monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the ministry of Sarah V. Winslow.

From the minutes of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held 6m 1870

Chs. (R. Lucker) Clerk.

The business brought before us being accomplished, we conclude with a feeling sense that our Heavenly Father has been pleased during the several sessions of this meeting, to overshadow us with the canopy of His love —



bringing us to a renewed appreciation of His care and protection as our great Head. Under this blessed experience we ~~conclude~~ separate proposing to meet again at this place at the same time next year, if the Lord permit  
Attest Wm<sup>l</sup> Taber Clerk

At a Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England Dec<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1871

By accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings the representatives named to attend this meeting are as follows viz:

from Rhode Island

Perez Peck,

Joseph Bartland

Abner Blais

George Anthonys

James Dennis

Gertrude W Bartland

Galadina Freeborn

Ruth P Gifford

Hannah Lane

Mary A Smith

Falmer

Newell Ordway

Samuel Boyce

Josiah D Chas

Stephen Peede

Abigail L Peede

Mary E Breed

Hannah Page

Lorah Folsom

Lorinda L Page

Abby W Hall

sandwich

Wm<sup>l</sup> Taber

David T. Atkin

Isaac T Gifford

Jonathan Fox

Newell Storie

Elizabeth Gifford

Dorcas F Luchers

Thebe T Gifford

Anna G. Wood

Rachel S Howard

Falmouth

Stephen Bartland

Wm<sup>l</sup> Winslow

George Douglas

Calvin S Goddard

Maria B Jones

Elizabeth Ann Day-as

Mary C. Hawks

Smithfield

Richard T Talley

Charles Hadwin

Thebe S. Marsh

Abby S Talley



Vassalborough

Isidiah J. Nancy  
William Taber  
Thomas J. Nichols  
John D. Lang  
Stephen Jones

Ann E. Lang  
Sybil Jones  
Rachel P. Nichols  
Elizabeth T. Cook  
Mary L. Jones

Dover

Joseph H. Matt  
Tobias Meader  
Daniel Meader

Hannah G. Sawyer  
Naomi T. Hoag  
Lucinda Pinkham  
Susan L. Meader

Fairfield

Samuel Taylor  
William Farr  
George Richardson  
Joseph Taylor

Emme Wenslow  
Emme W. Farr

Who are present except three - for the absence of two of whom  
sufficient reasons were given

We have at this time the acceptable company of beloved  
friends in the ministry with certificates from other Yearly Meetings  
as follows:

Phoebe Ann Sands	} of New York Yearly Meeting
Hannah G. Frye	
Sarah B. Congdon	
James C. Thomas	
Jeremiah A. Grinnell	Baltimore "
Edith Griffiths	North Carolina "
Edward C. Young	} of Ohio
Elizabeth L. Bonstock	
Sarah E. Jenkins	
Allen Tirrell	
Sarah Gidley	
John Henry Douglas	Indiana "
Isol Beane	Iowa "
Adam Spencer	Canada "

We have also the acceptable company of the following friends  
with certificates viz

Wm. M. Sands <sup>an elder</sup> companion to his wife Phoebe Ann Sands }  
Lutharine P. Rider an elder companion to Hannah G. Frye } of N. York Y. M.  
Amos Griffiths an elder companion to his wife Edith Griffiths } of Ohio



Dec 1871 John Loomstock an elder companion to his wife Elix L Loomstock of Ohio  
Wm Gidley an elder Companion to his wife Sarah Gidley Yearly Mtg

David R. Atkin, Stephen Jones, David Buffum, Gideon B. Smith, Joseph Bartland, Matthew Stowland, George Anthony, Wm C Lober, Perez Peck Charles A Tucker Rachel B. Nichols Hannah F Peckham Mary E Freed Mary C Jones, Ruth B Gifford & Dorcas F Tucker are appointed to have the oversight of meetings during the sittings of this Yearly Meeting and to render such assistance to friends in the ministry in attendance with us toward carrying out their religious <sup>concerns</sup> as may be needful - to report at a future sitting of this meeting.

Adjourned to 3 1/2 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, friends again met.

John D Lang on behalf of the representatives proposed Wm C Lober for Clerk and John Paige for Assistant Clerk which nominations being separately considered were united with and they appointed to those services respectively for the year ensuing.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Quarterly Meetings. A summary of which is as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship and engaged to bring their families with them.

Careful in the attendance of those for discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable. One meeting in one of the Quarters reports being sensible of falling short herein.

2d. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts we believe are careful to wait for divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome. Not quite clear in two of the answers.

3d. Ministers and elders are in a good degree careful that their lives and conversation may be clear and blameless among men. They are preserved in a good degree of unity one with another and with the meeting they belong to, harmonizing in labor for the honor of truth. One Quarter reports exception as to life and conversation and also as to harmony in labor, in which care has been taken.

4<sup>th</sup> We believe ministers and elders endeavor to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in blameless which truth requires and to be exemplary themselves.



5th: Ministers and elders are concerned to be peace makers in 6. 1871  
families and in the church — Careful to maintain the discipline,  
not screening their own families therefrom, and to administer  
justice

Adjourned to Third day morning the 13<sup>th</sup> at 8 o'clock.

Third day morning met according to adjournment.

The following minute ~~received~~ from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, was received and read and is in due course recorded.

"To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders

We are informed by accounts from our several Quarterly Meetings that,

Rhode Island has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and public ministry of Guiljelma Freeborn and Cynthia J Earle and with Swansea Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and public ministry of Susan Ann Gifford.

That Mary Williams an elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting deceased 3<sup>rd</sup> 11 1871 aged 76 years and Gilbert Longdon a minister and member of Providence Monthly Meeting deceased 12<sup>th</sup> 9 1870 aged 59 years 8 mos 22 days.

Salem has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abner W Hall, Lydia J Gove and Mahaleth S. Jones to the station of elder.

Sandwich reports that Lois B Gifford a minister and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting deceased 1<sup>st</sup> 8, 1871 aged ~~forty~~ <sup>forty</sup> seven years 9 mos & 9 days. That Pamah Gifford an elder and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 12<sup>th</sup> 9 1870 aged 77 years 7 months.

Falmouth reports that that meeting has united with Windham Monthly Meeting in appointing Nathan Pope, Esther Nichols and Julietta Pope to the station of elder also with that Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Elijah Cook, — With Limington Monthly Meeting Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Silas H Bartland, and with Durban Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Freeman Andrews and with the same Monthly Meeting in appointing Mary L. Goddard, to the station of elder. That meeting also informs us Lydia Winslow an elder and



6mo 1841 member of Fairmount Monthly Meeting died 4mo. 29 1841 aged 77 years 10mo and 23 days.

Smithfield informs that they have united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ann Kellow to the station of elder.

Vassalboro informs that they have united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John C Varney and Mary V Winslow to the station of elder. That Elisha Jones a minister and member of China Monthly Meeting deceased 2mo. 10th 1841 aged 85 years 1 month & 1 day; that Deborah W. Wannen an elder and member of Unity Monthly Meeting died 11mo 8, 1840 aged 84 years; that Mary W Brown an elder and member of the same meeting, died 5th mo. 9th 1840 aged 71 years 10mo & 12 days.

Fairfield informs that they have united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the ministry of David Douglas.

Extracted from the Minutes of New England Yearly Meeting  
6mo 1841 Charles C. Tucker Clerk

Adjourned to Fifth day morning the 15th at 8 o'clock.

Fifth day morning, the meeting again assembled.

The representatives being called were present except two.

The committee appointed for the oversight of meetings and other purposes presented the following report which is acceptable to this meeting.

To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders

The Committee for the oversight of meetings and other purposes report that they have given attention to their appointment and according to their sense and judgment the several meetings have been held to a good degree of satisfaction.

On behalf of the Committee

Stephen Jones

Rachel B. Nichols

During the several sittings of this meeting we have been favored with much pertinent counsel and advice which we have felt to have been delt to us from the hand of a merciful and



1871 long suffering Lord — May the blessings bestowed be treasured  
up by us and so sealed upon our spirits that the work of the  
Lord <sup>may</sup> go forward in His own power and thus prosper among us  
as in days of old. The business brought before us being  
accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again at the  
usual time next year if the Lord permits.

Attest Wm C Lator Clerk

At a Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders  
held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England  
1872.

By accounts received from all our Quarterly  
Meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting  
are as follows, viz

From Rhode Island.

Perez Peck, Jos Bartland, Gideon C Smith, Obadiah Chase,  
Geo. Anthony

Elizabeth Meader, Mary D. Collins, Charlotte D Holmes,  
Mary A. Smith, Anna T Dennis

Salem.

Saml Boyce, Newell Ordway, John Page, Josiah D Chalis  
Benjamin St Jones.

Abigail M Stanson, Mahaleth G. Jones, Lydia B Rove,  
Lynthia W. Huntington, Eliza B. Boyce, Abby W. Pratt.

Sandwich.

David K Akin Charles R Lucker, Geo. Mury, David Kelley.  
Huldah Difford, Susan Taber, Betsey Akin, Betsey T. Wood,  
Ruth H Parker.

Falmouth.

John Winstow, Freeman Andrews, Cyrus Bartland.

Jane C Minot, Maria B. Jones, Mary C Hawkes, Sarah T. Day

Smithfield

Anthony Chase, Richard Gatter, David Babcock

Elix W Babcock, Abby J Gatter, Anna K Cotton Maria Aldrich.

Vassalboro

Stephen Jones Jeddiah J Varney, John D Lang, Tim Hanson.

Sybil Jones Ann E Lang, Elmira S Hanson.

Dover

Joseph St Pratt, Daniel Meader.

Staunah G Sawyer, Susan L Meader.



6<sup>th</sup> 1872

## Fairfield

George Richardson, Moses Bailey, Reuben T. Jones, Jos. Taylor—  
Eunice Winslow, Sarah V. Winslow.

who were present except eight, for <sup>the</sup> absence of three of whom satisfactory reasons were given.

We have at this time the acceptable company of beloved friends in the ministry with certificates from other Yearly Meetings, as follows:

Leues Redell

Abel C Collins

Zachary H Powell

Wm L Doan

Deborah C Thomas

Elizabeth L Comstock

Thebe B. Hathaway

Edward C Young

Wm Jenkins

Lindley M Hoag

Elexa H. Varney

Catharine Moore

from New York Yearly Meeting.

Baltimore

Ohio

Iowa

Canada

We have also the acceptable company of the following friends with certificates

Maria Willets an Elder from N. Y. Yearly Meeting companion to Deborah C Thomas.

John T. Comstock companion to his wife Elex. L Comstock.

Allen M & Patty G. Dorland companions to Elexa H Varney

Rachel Doyle an Elder companion to Catharine Moore.

Lydia M Jenkins an Elder accompanying her husband Wm Jenkins

Stephen Jones, Perez Teck, Joseph Cartland, Charles R Tucker, Wm C Taber, Gideon C Smith, Timothy Hanson, David H Akin, Josiah Chate, David Buffum, Robert L Brown, Mary A. Smith Maria Harick Ruth B. Gifford, Susan Taber, Mary Alice Brown, Anna H Bolton Sarah Slade & Betsey Akin are appointed to have the oversight of meetings during the sittings of this Yearly Meeting, and to render such assistance to friends in the ministry in attendance with us toward carrying out their religious concern as may be needful; to report at a future sitting of this meeting.

Adjourned to 3 O'clock this afternoon.



Afternoon, friends again met

Dec 1872

Stephen Jones on behalf of the representatives reported that they had conferred together and were united in proposing William Taber for Clerk and John Page for assistant clerk which nominations were separately considered and united with and they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Quarterly Meetings.

During the reading of the answers a ~~deep~~ concern was spread over the meeting for the welfare of the members of the body and much pertinent counsel was extended to us, the blessedness of that state that in the nothingness of self desires only what is in accordance with the holy will of God, in which we lose sight of ourselves and see only Christ was feelingly advocated to.

We were exhorted to be faithful to our gifts and callings; that we should so walk as to manifest that the life is in us, that we are fruit bearing branches. — We were told that if there is any call to the ministry and elders in this day it is to feed the sheep and the lambs — to shepherd the sheep, to feed the whole flock of God. As messengers and ambassadors of Christ we are to direct them to Him the Master. Thus there will be an increase of the flock, an addition to the members as well as an increase of strength.

The importance of prayer was also dwell upon, "that in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving our requests should be made known unto God. At all times and at all places, in the family and alone He would hear and answer.

We were encouraged to walk very near to the Savior. There is no other source to go to for help but to that holy fountain. Let the youth see that we are thus bound together in the bond of love and they will also follow the good Shepherd of Israel.

If we have not trust in God nor confidence one in another we cannot labor harmoniously. We have need of a common language.

If we would lead the flock we must have a language in common with them. Not what the fathers only comprehend but we must place ourselves by the side of the children. How shall we do this?

The answer is, "except ye be converted and become as little children ye cannot enter into the kingdom of God". Before we can speak to them effectually we must be converted ourselves.



But who is sufficient for these things! If we are leaning to our own understandings we shall never be able to bring forth fruit to the glory of our Father in heaven. "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Let us all search and see where we are standing and what is our relation to our God. The Church may have put us forward but there must be a change of heart to make us new creatures. Except we abide in Him we are cast forth as a branch but if we abide in Him we may ask what we will and bring forth fruit. His grace is sufficient to save to the uttermost. It is by casting ourselves into the arms of Christ, by giving up all to Him that we abide in Him. If there is any root of bitterness, if we are setting up ~~our~~ own wills, then we are in a state of alienation from God.

Adjourned to 3d. day morning next at 8 o'clock.

Third day morning the 18th. Friends again met.

The representatives being called were present except five

A summary of the answers to the queries was received and read. It is as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Ministers and elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship and are concerned to bring their families with them. They diligently attend meetings for discipline and encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

2<sup>d</sup> Ministers in the exercise of their gifts we believe are careful to wait for divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome, with some exception in two of the answers.

3<sup>d</sup> Ministers and elders are in a good degree careful that their lives and conversation may be clean and blameless among men with some exception from one quarter. A good degree of unity is maintained one with another and with the meetings they belong to and a concern is felt to harmonize in labor for the honor of truth.

4<sup>th</sup> They endeavor to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness as truth requires and to be good examples in these respects themselves.

5<sup>th</sup> They are engaged to be peacemakers in families and in the Church and endeavor to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice.



The following communication received from the Clerk 6m<sup>o</sup> 1892  
of the Yearly Meeting was read and is in course recorded.

To New England Yearly Meeting, of Ministers and  
Elders.

By the reports from our several Quarterly Meetings  
it appears that

Rhode Island has united with Providence monthly  
meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public  
ministry of Charlotte D Holmes, and with Rhode Island  
monthly meeting in the appointment of Jacob Mott and  
Susanna Mott to the station of elder. Sarah Leighton an  
elder and a member of Greenwich monthly meeting died  
12m<sup>o</sup> 14, 1871 aged 81 years 27 days, and Hannah Knowles  
an elder and member of South Kingstown monthly meeting  
died 1m<sup>o</sup> 1, 1872 aged 88 years 2m<sup>o</sup> 16 days.

Salisbury has united with Seabrook monthly meeting  
in the appointment of Mary Ann Folsom to the station of elder.

Daniel Page a minister has removed within the limits of that  
Quarterly meeting from Fairfield Quarter. Ephraim Leighton  
an elder and a member of Wear monthly meeting deceased  
2m<sup>o</sup> 29 1872 aged 77 years 5m<sup>o</sup> 9 days; and Joseph Stog, an  
elder and a member of the same meeting, died 4m<sup>o</sup> 3 1872  
aged 63 years 1m<sup>o</sup> 18 days.

Sandwich informs that Susan Howland a minister  
and member of New Bedford monthly meeting deceased 1m<sup>o</sup> 19  
1872 aged 80 years 2m<sup>o</sup> 3 days; and Abigail Brownell an  
elder and member of Sandwich monthly meeting, died 2m<sup>o</sup> 3  
1872 aged 86 years 8m<sup>o</sup> 7 days.

Falmouth reports that they have united with Durham  
monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the  
public ministry of Cyrus Cartland and Sarah T. Day, and with  
Limington monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and  
approving the public ministry of James Cartland.

Eunice Rich an elder and member of Falmouth monthly  
meeting, died 1m<sup>o</sup> 1 1871 aged 82 years 1m<sup>o</sup> 15 days.

Vassalboro has united with China monthly meeting,  
in the appointment of Nancy St Finkham to the station of elder,  
and in approving the gift and public ministry of Elizabeth  
B. Evans. Sarah T. Grossman an elder and member of  
China monthly meeting deceased 5m<sup>o</sup> 29 1872 aged 60 years  
11m<sup>o</sup> and 17 days.



bm 1872

Dover informs that Comfort Neal an elder and member of  
of Berwick monthly meeting deceased 8<sup>th</sup> mo 12 1871 aged 83 years  
From the minutes of New England Yearly Meeting  
held 6<sup>th</sup> 15. 1872

Charles R Tucker clerk

It appearing that the service of our dear friends in  
attendance of this meeting is not fully accomplished we adjourn  
to Fifth day morning next at 8 o'clock.

Fifth day morning the 20<sup>th</sup> Friends again met.

(omitted) The Representatives being called were present

The committee to have the oversight of meetings presented the  
following report which is acceptable

To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders

The committee to have the oversight of meetings and  
for other purposes report, that they have given attention to their  
appointment and in their judgment the meetings for religious  
worship that have occurred to this time have been held to a good  
degree of satisfaction.

On behalf of the Committee

Newport 6<sup>th</sup> 20 1872

Stephen Jones

Under a feeling of our entire dependence upon our heavenly  
Father for ability and wisdom to do this work and service and with  
thankful hearts for the measure of his grace mercifully bestowed upon  
us during the different sittings of this meeting, — our business being  
now accomplished, we conclude, proposing to meet again at the  
usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Attest Wm L Faxon Clerk















On the day preceding the 1st the meeting  
was adjourned for another adjournment.

The representatives present except three

We have at this time the company of our friend  
Hannah Humphrey who has produced  
a satisfactory testimonial from the monthly  
meeting of Newcastle England and the  
Dublin Monthly meeting and from the Yearly  
Meeting of Ministers and Elders the 2nd of May  
A.D. 1878. We have also with us Edwin Humphrey  
who produces his wife Hannah Humphrey;  
she has produced a certificate from the monthly  
meeting of Newcastle held in England and  
England and the 2nd of May 1878. Their company  
is highly acceptable to us; we welcome them as  
the servants of our Lord and we desire their  
encouragement in the prosecution of the service  
before them, under the guidance of our Holy Lord.

Adjourned to 12 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon friends again meet.

The following communication was received from  
the secret of the Society meeting which was read  
and is in due course recorded.

On the 1st of May the meeting of Ministers and Elders  
from the Society meeting of Friends for the year  
1878.

We are informed by the report from our Society  
meeting that Edward Smith has retired with  
Charles Wood from the meeting in order to help the  
Society in the public service of the Society of Friends  
- and in the appointment of Hannah Williams to  
the station of Elder with Frederick who, meeting  
in the appointment of Charles H. Goble to the station  
of Elder and with Thomas who, meeting with



Sandwich, Lancaster, has united with Trillick in acknowledging the gift, and approving a public subscription to George M. Davis.



aged 70 years 1 mo. 10 days.

Samuel Hays a minister and a member of Smithfield  
Quarter deceased 10 Mo 3, 1872 aged 70 years 1 mo. 10 days.  
His wife died 10 Mo 3, 1872 aged 70 years 1 mo. 10 days.  
His son died 10 Mo 3, 1872 aged 70 years 1 mo. 10 days.

William Hays a minister and a member of  
Smithfield Quarter deceased 10 Mo 3, 1872 aged 70 years 1 mo. 10 days.  
His wife died 10 Mo 3, 1872 aged 70 years 1 mo. 10 days.  
His son died 10 Mo 3, 1872 aged 70 years 1 mo. 10 days.

With Scrimington Mrs. Meeting in acknowledgment  
of the gift of a new house to the church, 10 Mo 3, 1872  
aged 70 years 1 mo. 10 days.

Stephen Hays a minister and a member  
of Smithfield Quarter deceased 10 Mo 3, 1872 aged  
87 years 1 mo. and 10 days.

Smithfield Quarter informs that Albert S. Hays  
a minister and a member of Smithfield Quarter  
deceased 10 Mo 3, 1872 aged 80 years 1 mo. and  
4 days.

William Hays a minister and a member of  
Smithfield Quarter deceased 10 Mo 3, 1872 aged  
70 years 1 mo. 10 days.

Edmund Leates an Elder and a member of  
Hassall's Mrs. Meeting died 10 Mo 3, 1872 aged  
76 years 1 mo. and 5 days.

Benjamin Worth a minister and a member  
of Smithfield Quarter deceased 10 Mo 3, 1872  
aged 88 years 1 mo. & 25 days.

George W. Abbott a minister and a member  
of Smithfield Quarter deceased 10 Mo 3, 1872  
aged 71 years 1 mo. and 6 days.



Deceased for a number of years and a member of  
Suttonfield Mss. Meeting deceased Jan 15  
aged 74 years 1 month and 15 days

Stephen Jones an Elder and a member of  
the same meeting departed this life Jan 15  
aged 79 years and 14 days.

Wainfield Quaker Reports it has united  
with Suttonfield Mss. Meeting in the annual  
meeting of the life and the offering of the  
public meeting of Harriet A. Jones.

Mrs. E. B. B. an Elder and a member  
of Suttonfield Mss. Meeting died Jan 15  
aged 72 years 1 month and 25 days

Samuel H. H. an Elder and a member  
of the same deceased Jan 15  
aged 84 years less one day

In behalf of the meeting

Charles R. Tucker  
Clerk.

The committee to have the meeting for  
other purposes have presented the following  
report, which is acceptable.

The committee to have the oversight of meetings  
and other purposes, report that they have given  
attention to their appointment. Have attended  
the meetings that have been held to this date  
and are well as proposed they have  
noted the good degree of satisfaction.

James H. H.  
Report

Jan 17 1878



With feelings of humble gratitude  
 Heavenly Father has condescended to hear  
 our petitions and to grant them in answer  
 to our prayers. We are all united in  
 the love of God and the love of  
 our fellow men. We are all united in  
 the love of God and the love of  
 our fellow men. We are all united in  
 the love of God and the love of  
 our fellow men.

In testimony of the same

John W. Davis

1874

At a Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders  
 held at Newport on Rhode Island for the  
 England 6th mo. 12th 1874.

By accounts received from all our Quarterly  
 Meetings the representatives appointed to attend  
 this meeting are as follows.

From Rhode Island  
 James J. Smith  
 Joseph C. Smith  
 William C. Smith  
 Frederick C. Smith  
 Phoebe C. Smith  
 From Salem  
 Mary C. Smith  
 Elizabeth C. Smith  
 Mary C. Smith  
 Elizabeth C. Smith  
 Mary C. Smith  
 Elizabeth C. Smith

For Salem

James C. Smith  
 Mary C. Smith  
 Elizabeth C. Smith  
 Mary C. Smith  
 Elizabeth C. Smith  
 Mary C. Smith  
 Elizabeth C. Smith  
 Mary C. Smith  
 Elizabeth C. Smith

For Sandwich

James C. Smith  
 Mary C. Smith  
 Elizabeth C. Smith  
 Mary C. Smith  
 Elizabeth C. Smith  
 Mary C. Smith  
 Elizabeth C. Smith  
 Mary C. Smith  
 Elizabeth C. Smith



William H. Miller  
David H. Miller  
George H. Miller  
Abner Miller  
and several others

Samuel H. Miller  
Charles H. Miller  
John H. Miller  
Elizabeth H. Miller  
and several others

From Hingham  
Frederic H. Jones  
Maria H. Jones  
and Mary H. Jones

George Douglass  
Jane C. Bennett  
Charlotte H. Jones  
and several others

From Weymouth  
Abner Chase  
and H. B. Battey

Richard Battey  
and Maria Aldrich

From Vassalboro  
Eli Jones  
David H. Jones  
and several others  
and Maria S. Nichols

Stephen Jones  
Robert Jones  
and several others  
and Maria S. Nichols

From Dover  
Jacob H. Burinton  
Daniel Meader  
Malta C. Pratt

Tobias Meader  
Hannah E. Sawyer  
and Susan L. Meader

From Fairfield  
John H. Jones  
and several others

Joseph Taylor  
Seuben H. Jones  
and Phebe H. Jones

who were present except mine, for  
the absence of three of whom sufficient

We have at this meeting the satisfaction  
of having a large number of friends  
from the neighborhood present  
and we trust that the cause of  
the oppressed is not forgotten



John D. Remington  
Rebecca Clauson Western

Daniel Fry  
Josiah Tillan  
Eliza H. Varney Canada

also a certificate has been obtained from the  
companies for the purpose of the year. The certificate  
is in the hands of the companies. The certificate  
Clauson, and Judith Fry an Elder who was her  
her husband Daniel Fry.

We salute these dear friends as brothers and  
sisters beloved, and we earnestly desire for them  
and also for our own members that they abide  
in the love of the Father and the Son  
of His people, and so dwell in Him and His  
own works only can praise Him, that the  
Church may be unified and His name may  
be exalted, praised and glorified.

The following friends were appointed  
to have the oversight of meetings during the  
sittings of this Yearly meeting and to see for  
the maintenance of the same with  
the utmost carrying out their religious concerns  
as may be needed viz. Stephen James

Jacob H. Remington Daniel H. Remington  
William L. Hall David Hall  
Darius Burt Joseph Burt  
George Bowen George Douglass  
Sally Wood Anna C. Dennis  
David H. Remington  
Mary H. Remington

We give it for this time that in  
the house of prayer there was with us  
some who were not to be, but who  
have been removed from the church militant.



and we thankfully rejoice that there is a  
One who is abundantly able to supply all our  
needs Christ our Lord.

Adjourned to three o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon friends again met.

Five of the representatives who were elected  
last morning were present.

Eighteen persons in behalf of the Association  
appeared they had conferred together and were  
united in proposing John Briggs for clerk  
and James Smith for secretary. These were  
agreed upon and separated. Immediately  
they were accordingly appointed to service  
for the ensuing year or till  
another appointment.

We have the acceptable company of our friend  
James H. Thompson who has just returned from  
the Fair in the State of Indiana. He is  
now informing he is a minister of the Gospel  
and stating their desire that he should attend  
the coming meeting.

We have also the very little company of our  
friend John H. Smith who has just returned from  
the Fair in the State of Indiana. He is  
now informing he is a minister of the Gospel  
and stating their desire that he should attend  
the coming meeting.

The Service were read with interest. They were  
our several reports of meetings and the following  
were proposed, which the whole assembly  
approved. The next meeting  
will be on the 10th inst. The more difficult  
is that the camp is not yet  
closed and that there is a great deal of  
work to be done. It is very important  
that we should be there if the



1-2  
I am persuaded that there is more to be learned  
and that they may be as profitable in any  
manner, that study, which is the only way  
to find out what is true and what is false  
are another and better way than that of those  
who look singly at the surface.

### Summary of answers.

1<sup>st</sup>

Ministers and Elders are diligent in  
attending their meetings for worship and  
discipline with one or two exceptions re-  
ported from one of quarterly meeting and care-  
ful to maintain the attendance of their  
families.

2<sup>nd</sup>

The spirit and conversation of Ministers  
and Elders are in good measure clean and  
blameless amongst men and with some ex-  
ception they are in sympathy with one another  
and with the meeting. They are endeavoring  
to harmonize in labor for the glory of the  
Lord.

3<sup>rd</sup>

With little exception Ministers and Elders  
are careful to rule their own houses well  
and maintain the example and precept to  
bring up their families in a religious life.  
It is a constant effort to keep the proper  
order.

4<sup>th</sup>

Ministers and Elders are generally preserved  
in love with religion and their ministerial  
duties and are engaged to administer  
the sacrament as occasion may require  
in reference to ministry or conduct.

Adjourned to second day morning at  
eight o'clock.



General Assembly the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month  
again met pursuant to adjournment.

The representation for the month of  
the following names were received  
from the clerk of the Society meeting  
was read and it is also voted that

From the Society Meeting of Friends  
for the month of the 21<sup>st</sup> with the sixth  
month 1874.

To the Society Meeting of  
Friends and Sisters

We are informed by the report  
from our General Quarterly Meeting that  
Isabel Island Society has united with  
the monthly meeting in support  
of the gift and of the public  
ministry of Thomas D. Briggs and in the  
appointment of Margaret Anthony as  
sister to the station of Elder. and it  
has also united with the monthly meeting  
in support of the gift and  
of the public ministry of Edward  
W. Briggs and with the same meeting in the  
appointment of both our Sisters to the  
station of Elder.

David Brigham an elder a member of  
Isabel Island Monthly Meeting deceased 12<sup>th</sup>  
Jan. 24. 1873 aged 86 years 9 days. Ruth  
Bree wife of Stephen of the same meeting  
deceased 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. 24. 1873 aged 75 years  
7 months 6 days. Mary C. Briggs a  
member of South Kensington Monthly Meeting  
died 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 1873, aged 62 years 6 Mon. 14  
days.

Salem has united with Salem Monthly  
Meeting in support of the gift and of the  
public ministry of Edward W. Briggs and in the  
appointment of both our Sisters to the station of Elder.



Sandwich has united with Webster Pres.  
meeting in action, to gain the right, and approving  
the public minister of Norway to England with  
him. Meeting in the appointment  
of Joseph Davis to the station of Elder  
Dartmouth Pres. meeting in the off-  
spring of Ephraim Church, to the same station.

My dear Miss on October a member of Harwich  
is. The day deceased when the 10th day of  
4 days.

Palmer has united with  
Durham Mo. meeting in acknowledging the gift  
and approving the public minister at Paris  
present Edward G. Parker, and Martha M. May,  
and in the appointment of Daniel C. C. Adams  
to the station of Elder.

6 Nancy Maxfield an Elder and member  
of Windham Anti Meeting, died 7 mo. 17, 1858 aged  
92 years and 20 days.

At Passabaro. Nov. Meeting in the apartment of  
Levinia J. Taber Esther B. Taber, Ediza B. Gardner  
and Rebecca S. Pope, to the station of Ebenezer.

Fanny Cole an Elder and member of Mass. A. S. S. C. Meeting, died 8 Nov. 1875 aged 66 years 11 months & 26 days.

Sybil Jones a minister and  
member of China Soc. meeting deceased 12 Nov.



1, 1874 was 7 years 8 mo. & 2 days

Isaac Honey an Elder & member  
of Berkshire Co. meeting deceased 11 Mar.  
20, 1874. Aged 74 years 8 mo. & 2 days.

Fairfield united with Sudbury Co. meeting  
in the appointment of Isaac Honey  
Isaac Hussey, and with Littlefield Co. meeting  
in appointing Ebenezer Jones and Lemuel  
Bridges to the station of Elders, and with  
Littlefield Co. meeting in the appointment of  
Joseph Hussey to the station.

The meeting in acknowledging the  
and approving the public minutes following  
afford.

Charles F. Coffin a minister and  
member of Sudbury Co. meeting, died 12 Mar.  
19, 1874 aged 74 years 8 mo. & 2 days.

Horace P. Theis an Elder and  
member of Littlefield Co. meeting deceased 11 Mar.  
28, 1874.

Extracted from the minutes of  
the meeting

Charles H. Parker

adjourned to next fifth day morning

Fifth day morning the 18th Friends again assembled  
and according to adjournment.

The representatives present a report  
in absence of two of whom sufficient reasons  
were given.

The committee to have the  
oversight of meetings presented the following  
report which is acceptable.

In the Spring meeting of Littlefield & Littlefield



The Committee to have the oversight of meetings.  
Resolved.

That they have given attention to  
this appointment and are united in testimony  
that the meetings on First day were held to great  
satisfaction.

For the Committee.

Newport 6 Mo. 17, 1874

Stephen Jones  
Marion B. Jones.

We have gratefully to acknowledge that during  
the ~~convocation~~ sitting of this meeting we have been  
brought to notice the canopy of our Heavenly  
Fathers love mercifully spread over us, and  
testifying us that He is not far from us, and  
ready to sustain all His humble trusting child-  
ren, for which token of His continual regard  
we desire to give His worthy name all the praise.

The business that has come before us at this  
time having been accomplished we conclude  
purposing to meet again in the city of Portland  
again at the usual time next year if the  
Lord permit.

John Page Clark.



Report B. A. Chino 11 1880

The Association meeting of New England was held at its session in second week of January decided that the next annual meeting must be held at Newport. The Society Meeting of Ministers and others for New England is now arranged at this place instead of at Portland as proposed by the following minute of this meeting last year

Whereas the Association of Ministers and others for New England have names of representatives as follows,

From Rhode Island Quaker

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Joseph C. Lee  
Frank Cartland  
James C. Lee

George Bowen

Edith M. Smith  
Ruth Ann Collins

Gertrude W. Cartland  
Frances C. Lee

From

James C. Lee  
John C. Lee  
James C. Lee  
Benjamin H. Jones  
Thomas W. Thordike  
Thomas Forsam

Joseph B. Lee  
Henry C. Lee  
Gorham Forsam  
Cynthia W. Huntington  
Margaret C. Beale  
Fania A. Paige

Sandwich

Arnold Gifford  
Thomas Gifford  
and E. L. Linn  
Gifford

Arnold Gifford  
and Elizabeth C. Linn



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 William Briggs  
 Jacob H. Burinton  
 Daniel Meador  
 Hannah E. Sawyer  
 Anna M. Evans  
 Eliza E. Par...

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 Moses Bailey  
 George Richardson  
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When names being called they were present except ... ..  
 the absence of six of whom sufficient reasons were given.

We have at this time the acceptable company of beloved friends in the ministry, many other dear brethren who have profited by the ... ..  
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Daniel Barker  
 Jeremiah A. Grinnell  
 North Carolina B. Meeting







The subject was referred to a future sitting,  
the further consideration of which was reserved  
for this afternoon.

After our friends again rose,  
Stephen Jones in behalf of the representatives  
informed they had conferred together and were  
united in proposing John Briggs to assist and  
George Smith to assist the clerk which  
was carried unanimously. It was also  
unanimously decided that the representatives  
appointed to those services respectively for one  
year or till another appointment.

Our beloved friend Rachel Briggs is much  
pleased to be present at the meeting and has presented  
a certificate from the Bayville Monthly Meeting  
signed by her father and mother and the  
other members of the church.

The concern of our friend Eli Jones upon arising  
before the meeting we were introduced into  
the trust into a feeling of deep solemnity feeling  
the Lord desiring to be guided in this his work  
in our deliberations; much unity was expressed  
and the Lord was praised and we were left at  
liberty to proceed therein as our Heavenly Father  
may direct. Our friends Charles D. Jones  
and William D. Jones were appointed to

prepare a certificate on his behalf and present it at  
the next sitting.

The queries were read with answers thereto  
from the several churches. The  
following names have been proposed and the  
church has directed to be it before the next  
meeting in accordance with our discipline.



875  
June 12

Ministers and Elders are careful to  
little or no mention in the answer from  
meeting. It is the attendance  
in meetings for worship and discipline and  
generally careful to promote the attendance of  
in families.

and conversation of spiritual  
believe are in a good degree  
in unity one with another and with  
the meeting mentioned in the answers from three  
in most of our meetings.

Ministers and Elders endeavor to rule their  
families in a religious age and con-  
sistent with our Christian profession.

Ministers and Elders are preserved in a good de-  
gree of health and vigor and on  
occasion may require in reference to ministerial  
conduct.

Com. and friend of the church in  
satisfactorily with us, and has presented satisfactory  
certificates from Springfield and other  
quarterly meetings Indiana.

Second day morning the 14th the meeting again assem-  
bled pursuant to adjournment.  
The committee present report from per-  
sonal and written reports.











18. Fairfield a member was visited with sickness and  
in the appointment of James Sherman to the  
of Elder.

19. Noah Farr an elder, a member of the church  
Nov. Meeting deceased. 4 mo. 12, 1885 - aged 66 yrs.  
Sickness 25 days.

From the minutes of the church  
meeting of friends for New England held at  
the school in the 6 mo. 1885.

Wm. S. Tuck  
1885.

The committee to prepare a certificate of membership  
for friends who have been in the following  
churches and who have been in the following  
churches, to report to the church, and the  
clerk is directed to inform the G. M. of our action  
in the matter.

0. Jones  
certif.  
Dear friends

Our beloved friend Eli Jones  
spread before this meeting a concern which rests  
upon his mind to perform in the time of the church  
a mission to the friends and others who profess  
faith within the limits of the territory mentioned  
in the minutes of the church and of whom should open for it, to  
within his visit to the European continent and to  
some places bordering on the Mediterranean sea, with  
which the religious service as may be required of him  
and which was witnessed into a feeling of  
deep sympathy before the Lord attended with strong  
evidence to the truth by his own words of deliberation  
and under the working is the trust of the Holy Spirit  
much unity and sympathy were expressed with him  
in his concern and he was liberated and encouraged  
to pursue his prospect under the guidance of his  
wisdom.

It was recommended that we as a church  
Christ in good esteem with us and crane for him  
that he may continually witness the truth in the  
world and that we should all strive rightly and of the

to Geo. No. 16 1875-



At the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders of Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island 6th Mo. 9. 1876.

Accounts are received from our several Districts of Ministers and Elders containing names of representatives as follows

### For Rhode Island

Rep.

Obadiah Chase	Mary A. Smith
George Anthony	Gertrude M. Cartland
Charles W. Beebe	Sarah Shode
Joseph Cartland	Anna B. Dennis
Cynthia J. Carle	Margaret Anthony
and Elizabeth Meader.	

### For Salem

John Paige	Mahaleth E. Jones
Moses Huntington	Cynthia H. Huntington
Benjamin H. Jones	Hannah B. Sanier
Obadiah Folsom	and Thomas Folsom.

### For Sandwich

William P. Macomber	Isaac B. Gifford
Heathen Howland	Rachel S. Howland
Ephraim Gifford	Ruth M. Baker
David Kelly	Anna G. Wood
Newell Hoxie	Mary C. Gifford
and Abner S. Hoxie.	

### For Palmyra

Samuel Jones	Maria B. Jones
Timothy Hanson	Jane C. Minatt
Abram Winslow	and Elizabeth A. Douglass.
George Douglass	

For Smithfield

Abel C. Munroe Timothy H. Drake  
Isaac Steere Abby C. Battey  
Susan C. Wheeler & Minerva Farnum

For Vassalboro

Eli Jones Stephen Jones  
Thomas B. Nichols Sarah W. Goddard  
and Pease Jones.

For Dover

Nathaniel Chandler Jacob H. Burinban  
Daniel Meader Hannah G. Sawyer  
Eliza P. Wemy.

For Fairfield

George Richardson Moses Bailey  
William H. Jones Mary W. Tuttle  
Phoebe S. Jones and Eunice Winslow

are present except twelve for the absence  
of seven of whom sufficient reasons were given.

We have at this meeting the acceptable  
company of beloved friends in the Ministry  
from other Brethren Meetings who have produced  
satisfactory certificates from their respective  
Congregations of them as Ministers and with their  
present religious engagements, viz.

Stanley Humphrey	London B. Mo.
Rebecca Collins	New York " "
Phoebe Amcland	" " " "
Emily C. Drake	" " " "
Bernardo G. Cartland	North Carolina
Reuben Binford	" " " "



Daniel Hill	Indiana	B. Mo.
Robert W. Douglass	"	"
David Douglass	"	"
Barnabas C. Hobbs	Western	"
William F. Hill	"	"
Samuel H. Clark	"	"
William Wetherald	Canada	"

Our prayer for each of these and also for our own members is that they may so watchfully abide under the precious anointing of our Holy Head that this cause may be prospered and His name glorified.

We have appointed our friends William C. Baker Joseph L. Smith Charles R. Tucker Thomas Folsom Jacob Holt Anna G. Wood Hannah Dame and Anna T. Dennis to have the oversight of meetings and to render such advice and counsel to individuals as may appear needful.

Adjourned to three o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon the meeting again assembled. Eli Jones on behalf of the representatives informed they had conferred together and were united in proposing John Paige for clerk and Benjamin H. Jones for assistant clerk, which nominations being separately considered were united with and they appointed to those services respectively for one year or till another appointment.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend E. L. Beard who has produced a satisfactory certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Friends in Winchester Indiana Indiana early meeting.

The Queries were read and answers thereto from our several Quarterly Meetings and the following Summons prepared which the clerk was directed to lay before the Board Meeting.

Ans. 1st

Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending meetings for worship and discipline, with a little exception mentioned in the answers from one meeting. They endeavor to promote the attendance of their families.

2nd

The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are, we believe in a good degree clean and blameless among men. They are in unity one with another and with the meeting to which they belong, and ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> labor together for the honor of truth. A little exception ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> mentioned in the answers from <sup>these</sup> ~~some~~ <sup>Quarterly</sup> meetings.

3rd

They are careful to rule their <sup>own</sup> houses well, and endeavor by example and precept, to train their families in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our christian profession.

4th

They are in a good degree preserved in love and are concerned to administer encouragement or counsel as occasion may require in reference to ministry or conduct.

Our beloved friend Eli Jones has now returned from the certificate granted him by our ~~meeting~~, last year and has given us a deeply interesting account of his visit in foreign lands, and gratefully acknowledges the preserving care of our Heavenly Father, and the reception of many blessings and favors, which reminding him of the promise of a hundred fold in this life to those who love and serve their Lord and Master.



He has produced the following satisfactory  
returning certificate from the Yearly Meeting of  
Ministers and Elders of Friends in Ireland.

Minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers  
and Elders of Friends in Ireland met in  
Dublin 2nd of 11th mo. 1876.

Our dear friend Eli Jones being about  
to depart from this land informs us that  
in the Autumn of last year he attended some  
meetings in Leinster and Munster provinces  
also a series of meetings held in one place in  
the province of Ulster as well as a General  
Meeting held in the same Province. He expects  
to be at most if not all the sittings of this  
Yearly Meeting.

We may say that the courage and gospel  
labors of this aged veteran in the service of his  
Lord and master, who has long been known  
and loved by friends in this land, have been  
very precious to us and we desire to record our  
sense thereof.

The Clerk is desired to hand  
our beloved friend a copy of this minute  
signed on behalf of this meeting as a returning  
certificate.

Jonathan Sandhady  
Clerk.

Adjourned to eight o'clock second day morning  
ext.

Second day morning the 12th the  
meeting again assembled pursuant to adjournment.  
The representatives present except eleven.

We have received the following information from  
the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting which was read  
and is in due course recorded.

To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers  
and Elders:

The following changes have occurred in  
our several Quarterly Meetings during the  
past year, viz;

Changes in the  
in the  
1876.  
Salem Quarterly reports  
that Fanny H. Pinkham, an Elder and  
member of Salem Mo. Meeting, was re-  
moved to New York Mo. Meeting at the  
Yearly Meeting.

Lydia B. Gove an Elder  
and member of the same Monthly Meeting  
died 21st Mo 3rd 1876, aged 70 years  
11 months and 3 days.

This meeting has united with Pearce  
Mo. Meeting in the appointment of David  
Gove to the station of Elder.

Dartmouth Quarterly reports  
that Abraham Davis a Minister and member  
of New Bedford Mo. Meeting died at Long  
Plain 6th Mo. 3rd 1875 aged 89 years,  
5 months and 25 days. This information  
was accidentally omitted at the time of  
his death.

Doreas H. Tucker an Elder  
and member of New Bedford Mo. Meeting  
deceased 12th Mo 18th 1875 - aged 65 years  
10 mos. 1 day.

This Meeting has concurred  
with Dartmouth Mo. Meeting in withdrawing  
from George W. Francis in appointment  
public ministry.

Dartmouth Quarterly reports  
that Stephen Farney an Elder and member  
of Durham Mo. Meeting died 2nd Mo. 25-  
1876, aged 74 years, 2 mos. 28 days.



Sarah B. Jones, an Elder and member of  
Whidham Mo. Meeting died 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo. 24  
1876, aged 79 years 8 mos. 16 days.

Juliett Pope an Elder and member of  
Whidham Mo. Meeting died 1<sup>st</sup> Mo. 4. 1876  
aged 52 years, 8 mos.

This Meeting has  
united with Falmouth Mo. Meeting in  
appointing <sup>Jones</sup> Esther to the Station of Elder

Smithfield Quarter reports,  
that it has united with Mexbridge Mo.  
Meeting in acknowledging the gift and  
approving the public Ministry of Timothy  
H. Earle.

Nassabore Quarter reports,  
that William Fisher an Elder and member  
of Unity Mo. Meeting died 5<sup>th</sup> Mo. 25<sup>th</sup>  
1876, aged 71 years.

Dover Quarter reports,  
that Walter Sawyer an Elder and member  
of Dover Mo. Meeting died 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo. 7<sup>th</sup>  
1876, aged 91 years 8 months.

Samuel P. Hoag an Elder and member of  
Dunwich Mo. Meeting died 11<sup>th</sup> Mo. 1<sup>st</sup>  
1875, aged 53 years, 11 months.

Fairfield Quarter reports,  
that Sarah Burington an Elder and member  
of Sidney Mo. Meeting died 11<sup>th</sup> Mo. 5<sup>th</sup> 1875  
aged 77 years, 6 mos, and 3 days.

Samuel Taylor a Minister and member  
of the same Mo. Meeting died 11 Mo. 9 1875,  
aged 78 years, 2 mos and 1 day

This Meeting has united with Sidney  
Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Sarah  
Chapman, Erasmus B. Delano, Sarah Delano  
Paul Wing Hannah B. Wing Silas C. Hoxie,  
Edwisa A. Hoxie and Josiah Magoon to the

station of Elder, and in acknowledging  
the gift and approving the public ministry  
of Mary Elma Richardson.

This meeting has also united with  
Leitchfield Mo. meeting in acknowledging the  
gift and approving the public ministry of  
Isaac Warren Humes, George E. Cook, and  
Phoebe M. Wadsworth, and in the appointment  
of Christina W. Hamblen James Myers and  
Emeline C. Myers to the station of Elder.

It has also united with St. Albans Mo.  
meeting in the appointment of Mary W. Cuthbert  
to the station of Elder.

From the minutes of the Yearly  
Meeting

Charles R. Tucker Clerk.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock 5th day morning next

Fifth day morning the 15th. The meeting  
again assembled pursuant to adjournment.  
The representatives <sup>present</sup> except ten.

The committee for the oversight of meetings  
and to render such counsel or advice to indi-  
viduals as may appear needful presented  
the following report which is satisfactory.

To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders

Report  
The committee appointed to the oversight of  
meetings report that they have given attention  
to the subject and those of them who met  
were united in judgment that the meetings  
held under the authority of the Yearly Meeting  
were orderly conducted and the ministry to  
a good degree of satisfaction.

On behalf  
and by direction of the committee.

Newport Co Mo. 14, 1876

William C. Taber



Having been favored with the comforting presence of our Divine Master during the several sittings of this meeting, we desire to render unto Him all the praise.

The business that has come before us having been accomplished we conclude purposing to meet again in the city of Portland Maine at the usual time next year if the Lord permit unless otherwise instructed by the representatives meeting during the year.

On behalf of the meeting

John Paige Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders of Churches in New England held at Portland Maine Oct 8th 1877.

Accounts are received from several churches, meetings of Ministers and Elders, except Rhode Island containing names of representatives as follows.

For Salem

John Paige Moses Huntington  
Joseph Cartland Robert L. Brown  
William C. Newhall Benjamin H. Jones  
Gertrude W. Cartland Abigail M. Hanson  
Cynthia W. Huntington Galina W. Paige  
Mary B. Hennessey and Mary Alice Brown.

For Sandwich

David H. Atken, Josiah Holmes Jr.  
David Healy William C. Parker  
Nellie H. H. Rachel S. Howland  
Anna G. Wood Charity E. Chase and  
Susan M. Thompson.

For Tabernacle

Abraham Hurlow Timothy Hurlow  
Charles W. Hurlow Stephen Hurlow  
James F. Hurlow Almira C. Hurlow  
Marion C. Hurlow Jane C. Hurlow  
Elizabeth L. Douglass and Maria B. Jones.

For Westboro

Thomas B. Nichols John B. Long  
Alfred B. Jones Clement B. Jones  
Eli Jones Stephen Jones  
Ezekiel B. Nichols Mary B. Jones  
Sarah E. Jones and Edmund B. Jones.

For Dover

Daniel Meader Tobias Meader  
William Parge Martha C. Pratt  
Hannah G. Sawyer and Eliza B. Wray.

For Fairfield

George Richardson Warren Hawkes  
James Myers Joseph Taylor  
George H. Farr Sarah M. Richardson  
Phebe B. Taylor Emeline C. Myers  
and Mary Elma Richardson

whose names being called they were present  
except ten for the absence of five of whom  
sufficient reasons were given.

We have at this time the acceptable  
company of beloved Friends in the ministry  
from their Yearly Meetings, who have produced  
satisfactory certificates from their respective  
meetings of unity with them as ministers and  
with their present religious engagements in

Sarah B. Lutherthwaite	London G. M.
Rebecca Collins	New York
Samuel Hill	"
Deborah C. Thomas	Boltonia
Edward C. Baum	Ohio



John E. Hooper      Secy  
George E. Dillingham      "

The company of these dear friends at the present time we hail as a token of good and we earnestly desire that they together with the members of this B. C. may each be preserved so that the prayerful and watchful to our Father's guiding hand that his direction may at all times be witnessed, every offering be of his own preparing and richly bear the impress of his seal.

We have appointed our friends William C. John Joseph Garland Isaac B. Wilson and Charles Joseph Taylor Stephen Jones Isaac B. Thompson Lewis H. Wilson Henry B. Jones Perry L. Hodge Maria B. Jones Mary A. Jones Mary H. Smith John L. Butler Esther Chase to have the oversight of meetings during the several sittings of this year. We also have under such counsel and advice to individuals as may appear to them desirable.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon,

At the next meeting again assembled.

Stephen Jones & Charles of the representation proposed that they be elected together and were elected as proposing John Backe for clerk and Stephen Jones for assistant clerk, which nominations being separately voted were carried with and they appointed to those services respectively for one year.

The queries were read with answers thereto from our several L. Meetings except Rhode Island and the following summons prepared therefrom, which the clerk is directed to lay before the next meeting in accordance with our discipline.

During this exercise the presence of our  
Divine Master was deeply felt, and we  
earnestly exhorted to greater faithfulness in  
the reception of the precious gifts bestowed  
upon us by the Head of the Church, that  
these amongst us who are in need of arrange-  
ment may be sought out and assisted  
unto, in the ability which God giveth, and  
not according to the wisdom or discernment  
of the natural man;

Those who have partaken most largely of  
the goodness of the Lord as experienced in  
the largeness of their sins more feelingly  
admonished not to overlook their obligations  
to their fellow men, especially to such as  
are living in sin, or struggling to be freed  
from the bondage thereof.

Earnest desires were expressed that the  
inexperienced or those young in the ministry  
should be tenderly cared for and nursed,  
by such as have attained to a ripe religious  
experience; and they encouraged to heed the  
requirings of their heavenly Shepherd, with  
simplicity of heart looking unto Him for  
counsel and depending upon Him for as-  
surance and guidance in all things; benia as-  
sed that as they obey His voice and follow Him  
~~voice and follow Him~~ He will uphold them  
and preserve them from all harm.

Both the Elders and Ministers were counselled  
to put on the whole armor of God; and in the  
exercise of living faith to persevere in the path  
of duty; and were also encouraged to believe  
and fully trust that as they look with a single  
eye unto the Lord, He will strengthen them  
and guide them in judgement and that by  
thus abiding in Him the living and true vine  
He will enable them to bring forth much  
fruit - so that His name will yet arise and  
come forth in its beauty, and the song sung  
in the land of Judah be applicable to



and to our children. "We have a strong city,  
salvation will I od appoint for walls and  
bulwarks."

Sus 1<sup>st</sup>

Ministers and Elders are diligent in  
attending their meetings for worship and  
discipline; and careful to promote the atten-  
dance of their families, with little exception  
mentioned in the accounts from two Quarterly  
meetings.

Sus 2<sup>nd</sup>

With some exception the lines and con-  
versation of ministers and elders are we believe  
in good degree clear and business-like among  
men, and they are concerned to maintain unity  
one with another, and with the meetings to  
which they belong, and to maintain harmoni-  
ously together for the honor of truth.

Ans 3<sup>rd</sup>

They endeavor to rule their own houses  
well, and they exhort and accept to train  
up their families in a religious life and con-  
versation, consistent with our christian profession.

Ans 4<sup>th</sup>

Ministers and Elders are with little  
exception preserved in love; and are engaged  
to administer encouragement and counsel  
as occasion requires in reference to ministry or  
conduct, but feel that there is need of more  
faithfulness in this respect.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock second day morning next.

Third day morning the seventh the meeting  
again assembled pursuant to adjournment,

The representatives present except seven.

We have received the following information  
from the clerk of the Society Meeting which  
was read and is in due course recorded.

The New England Society Meeting of Ministers  
and Elders.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Providence  
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of  
Thomas Harkness to the station of Elder,  
and with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting  
in the appointment of Abel F Collins and  
Sleeta Jane Collins, and with Rhode Island  
other meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth  
the latter to the same station.

Samuel Hatt an Elder and member of the  
Monthly Meeting died 6 Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 1876  
aged 74 years 11 mos. and 19 days -

Hannah Lane an Elder and member of the  
same meeting died 4 Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1877 aged 72  
yrs. 5 mos and 9 days -

Cyparrah Howland an Elder died 5 Nov.  
27<sup>th</sup> 1876 aged 81 years.

Peres Peck an Elder died 6 Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1876  
aged 89 years and 9 months.

Jonathan Freeborn an Elder died 8<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
26<sup>th</sup> 1876 aged 72 years 4 mos. and 10 days.  
All members of Greenwich Monthly Meeting

Salom Quarter reports that Stephen A. Chase  
an Elder and member of Salom meeting  
deceased 7 Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 1876 aged 79 yrs. 11 mos  
and 4 days.

Abigail Johnson a minister and  
member of West Nov. Meeting deceased 9 Nov.  
7<sup>th</sup> 1876 aged 77 years. 2 mos and 27 days.

Emmie Sawyer an Elder and member of the  
same meeting deceased 4 Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 1877  
aged 96 years and 24 days.

Alice B. Hoag an Elder and also a member of the same  
meeting has removed within the limits of New



# Bark Beary Meeting.

Mary Gifford reports that Mary Gifford a member and Elder of New Bedford Mo. Meeting deceased 1<sup>st</sup> mo. 1<sup>st</sup> 1876 aged 89 yrs 10 mos and 26 days. Mary Stone a member and minister of the same meeting died 8<sup>th</sup> mo. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1876 aged 72 years 9 mos and 9 days.

Joseph Baker a member and Elder of Sandwich Monthly Meeting deceased 12 mo. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1876 aged 77 years 11 mos and 9 days -

George Stone a member and Elder of New Bedford Mo. Meeting died 12 mo. 1<sup>st</sup> 1876 aged 77 yrs and 6 mos.

Charles E. Baker a member and Elder of the same meeting died 12 mo. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1876 aged 67 yrs. 9 mos. and 16 days -

Edmund Quarter reports that Nicholas Sanford a member and minister of Durham Mo. Meeting died 1<sup>st</sup> mo. 1<sup>st</sup> 1877 aged 73 yrs 4 mos. and 16 days -

Masathons Quarter reports that Hannah Crossman a minister of Chisaca Mo. Meeting died 1<sup>st</sup> mo. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1876 aged 80 yrs and 3 mos. Ohio Hearn an Elder and member of the same meeting died 11 mo. 26<sup>th</sup> 1876 aged 83 yrs, 11 mos.

Daniel Legerton reports that Cynthia Bullock an Elder and member of Sandwich Mo. Meeting died 11 mo 21<sup>st</sup> 1876 aged 70 yrs 10 mos - 8 days. This meeting has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abigail Gould and Abigail Eccles to the station of Elders.

Fairfield Quarter reports that it has united with Sidney Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Sarah M. Richardson to the station of Elder, and with St. Albans Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Anna Winston to the same station -

Louisa Taylor an Elder and member of Sidney Mo. Meeting deceased 2 mo 6<sup>th</sup> 1877 aged 77 yrs 7 mos.

William C. Newhall  
Burland 5<sup>th</sup> 1877 Clerk of the Yearly meeting this year.

As this information was spread, before us  
many dear ones with whom we have sincerely  
mingled on occasions like the present, were  
brought to our remembrance; and  
while we deeply feel our loss we would  
thankfully acknowledge that those we yet  
mercifully spared to the Church, are yet  
true to the strength and vigor of their days,  
as we endeavor faithfully to follow Him  
who has called them into His service, both  
our ~~many~~ dear aged fathers and mothers  
who are green and fruitful and who have  
long valiantly labored for their Lord and  
Savior and who are preparing for the grave,  
and in due time will we trust be gathered  
in fully ripe.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock fifth  
day morning next.

Fifth day morning the 14<sup>th</sup>  
the meeting again assembled according to adjournment

The representatives present except Sen.  
The committee for the oversight of meetings  
and other purposes present the following  
report which is acceptable to the meeting.

On the Weekly Meeting of Ministers & Elders.

The committee to have the oversight of  
meetings have given attention to the service  
assigned them and report that the meetings that  
were under their observation were entirely well  
and according to their apprehension well blessed  
with the sensible presence of our Divine Master  
in an ordinary degree. The business meetings  
were conducted in harmony. Three public  
meetings for worship ~~were~~ held in that order in the  
large hall were fully attended, the hall being  
well filled on each occasion and the  
the gospel flowed freely to attentive auditors.  
Fifteen meetings attended by ministers and  
others of our Society were also held in different parts



of the City at the request of the officers of various religious societies and from whom the services were acceptable to the people visited, and satisfactory to the members of the committee who were present.

On behalf of the committee

Stephen Jones	Joseph Garland
Wm C. Baker	Jacob Pratt
Isaac T. Thompson	Joseph Taylor
David H. Eiken	Esther Chase
Mary E. Jones	

Attended Sept. 1877.

We would reverently acknowledge the ever descending goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father in affording us his comforting presence during the several sittings of this meeting, and in the midst of our weakness giving us the assurance that in Him there is strength. We would bless and praise His ever worthy name.

The business of this meeting having been accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again at Newport Rhode Island at the established time next year if the Lord permit.

On behalf of the meeting

John Paige Clerk.

at Newport

received from our several  
Ministers & Elders, containing  
representatives as follows.

in Rhode Island,

in Rhode  
B. Collins  
Dennis  
Huldah M. Beede  
Sarah Shadle  
Eli S. Anthony

George Anthony  
Julietta Brigham  
Elizabeth H. Potter  
Cynthia S. Earle  
Anna B. De  
Jacob Mott  
Miss Ann Collins

in Salem

Amos Huntington  
John  
Elizabeth  
Huldah M. Beede  
Betsy M. Pratt  
Miss S. D.

Joseph Cartland  
Susan L. Mosander  
Nathan S. Newman  
Thomas Folsom and

in Sandwich

Jonathan Boyce  
Miss M. L. L.  
Betsy M. Pratt  
Miss S. D.

Matthew Howe  
Sarah M. L.  
Miss S. D.

Calvin S. Goddard  
George Douglass  
Jane C. Minatt  
Elizabeth A. Douglass

Leemuel Jones  
Timothy Hensar  
Abigail S. Hensar  
Maria S. Hensar

in Sandwich

Richard and Abner S. Bally,









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The committee on Oversight report  
that they have attended to their present  
and recommended in judgment that the meeting  
have been held to satisfaction with little  
exception.

On behalf of the Committee

Stoughton Mass. 23rd Nov.

Joseph Bartland

We have thankfully to acknowledge the reverend  
ing presence of our Heavenly Father in the  
various sittings of this meeting for which we  
desire to praise his worthy name.

The business of this meeting having  
been accomplished we conclude for this time  
to meet at Bartland's church at the usual time  
next year if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

John Briggs Clerk

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At the Annual Session of Ministers and Elders  
of Churches in the English Field at Bartland Mass. 12th Nov.  
1879.

Accounts are received from our several District  
Meetings of Ministers and Elders with names of absentees  
as follows?

For Rhode-Island,  
Abner Potter Jr  
Allen J. W.  
Samuel R. Buffinton,  
Jacob Pratt,  
Leah L. Reynolds,

Esther M. Beane,  
Cynthia Brown,  
Anna A. Dennis,  
Elizabeth Freeman,  
Elizabeth C. Potter,  
Lucy M. Pratt

and Eleazar J. Collins

For Salem,

William M. Smith  
Thomas J. Brown  
August M. Brown

Joseph Bartland,  
Cynthia M. Brown  
Mary J. Briggs

Atts. W. Pratt, Com. Comm.  
and John Rogers

In Sandwich,

William C. Baker,  
Edward C. Dillingham,  
Arnold Gillette,  
Frederick Holmes Jr.,

Charles S. Landlord  
Charles S. Chase  
and Phileas H. Bissenden

In Falmouth,

Samuel Jones,  
Thomas H. Henshaw,  
Timothy Dawson,  
George Douglass,  
Caleb S. Goddard, and

Maria E. Jones,

Annina H. Jones,  
Esther Nichols,  
Hedra H. Eastland,  
Susan T. Eastland  
Elizabeth H. Douglass—

In Smithfield,

Richard Bates,  
James S. Smith,

Lydian Knight  
John S. Bates

In Wrentham,

William H. Smith,  
Thomas B. Nichols,  
Robert F. Jones  
John C. Jones  
Idaiah C. Turner,  
and Isaac B. Smith—

Peace Jones,  
Charles B. Nichols  
Sarah E. Turner,  
Maria S. Nichols  
Jane S. Turner  
and Isaac B. Smith—

In Ware,

Jacob R. Huntington,  
Samuel H. Kimball,  
Abner Hodge.

Martha E. Pratt  
and Lydia C. Huntington—

In Wrentham,

Charles Smith,  
George Richardson,  
Robert F. Jones,

Frank M. Richardson,  
Phileas H. Jones  
and Lavina M. Briggs—

who were added to the roll of their names except nine, for  
the purpose of four of them, sufficient names were  
given—



We have at this meeting the acceptable companions of  
beloved friends in the ministry from other parts of the country.

They have produced satisfactory certificates from their  
respective meetings, expressing of unite with them as  
ministers and with their present religious engagements,  
viz

Charles D. Darnley  
Sarah H. Darnley of London, B. M. Meeting.

David Johnston  
William P. Smith  
Thomas Hunter New York " "  
John C. Johnson

Deborah C. Thomas Baltimore " "

William D. Symmes North Carolina " "

David H. Smith  
John H. Smith Ohio " "

We have also the acceptable companions  
of Mrs. C. Hunter an Elder who accompanies her husband  
Thomas Hunter and Lydia Hunter accompanying her  
husband to his home. They have produced satis-  
factory certificates from their respective meetings.  
Adjourned at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon the meeting again assembled.

William C. Tate in behalf of the absentees,  
improved the meeting they had conferred together and  
were united in proposing Benjamin H. Jones as clerk,  
but as he strongly requested to be excused, John Briggs  
was desired to serve the meeting as clerk, and William P.  
Hendall as assistant at the sitting, and the representatives  
were united in making it our next sitting James H. Smith  
for these services at no cost.

We have at this meeting the acceptable companions of  
beloved friends Helen B. Smith who has produced satisfactory  
certificates from the Monthly Meeting of the West Division of  
Hampshire, the Quarterly Meeting of Dorset and Cornwall.

and have low back position on Minister and consider  
extensive work with her as a minister and sympathy  
with her in the present engagement.

Our beloved friend William Hastings is also in attendance at this meeting and has no subject of particular interest to propose from the meeting and the Cook Quarterly Meeting Committee. His confidence is really to us.

2. We believe Ministers and Elders endeavor to live their lives and conversation above such trivial matters, men and with little exception they are in sympathy one with another, and with the meeting to which they belong harmoniously laboring together for the honor of Christ. -

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Our hearts were humbled under a fresh sense that this  
portion of the church needs a further baptism into Christ  
that it may be more thoroughly cleansed from all defile-  
ment and be better enabled to labor harmoniously and  
effectually under the Lord's guiding hand for the obtaining of  
the precious promise of a glorified walk and the redemption  
of his own blood's purchase. O the mercies which acknowledge  
the cause is his and the cause is his and that it is only as  
we receive the assistance which comes from him that  
we can be fully prepared to discharge our varied duties,  
and enable him to be the "Maker of Churches and the  
Restorer of saints to dwell in them."

Adjourned to Second day morning, next  
at eight o'clock.

Second day morning the 15th. the meeting  
again adjourned for the afternoon.

The representatives present were 19 ministers.

Allen gave on behalf of the representatives  
reported they were I omitted in preparing the names of  
John Baird for clerk, with Samuel B. Huntington for  
assistant clerk, which nominations were all passed by the  
meeting and they were accordingly appointed  
to those services for the remainder of the session.

We have received the following information  
from the clerk of the North Meeting, which was read,  
and is in due season recorded.

"Is the yearly meeting of ministers and Elders now  
sitting,

Brook Island Quarterly Meeting reports, that Ebenezer  
Hunt of Elm and wife. Providence Monthly Meeting  
died 2nd month 14th 1877 aged 83 years 6 months and 16 days.  
and Ruth Huntington of Elm had married. The 1st of March.  
Providence Monthly Meeting died 3rd month 24th 1877 aged 75 years 7  
months and 11 days, and that it has united with the South Meeting  
for the purpose of holding in Rhode Island the next and appointing  
a general conference of Ministers of the Gospel.

Allen's Quarterly Meeting reports,

that it was united with other Monthly Meetings in the  
Church of the State of New York to the Station of Elder.  
Daniel C. Allen an Elder and member of the same  
Monthly Meeting died 8th month 18th 1878 aged 87 years  
and 16 days. B. T. J. Ballin an Elder and member of  
the same Monthly Meeting died 10th month 1878 aged  
72 years 8 months and 20 days.

Church of the State of New York.

At Brock, N.Y., on the 24th month of September 1878  
the Church of the State of New York and 11 years 8 months and  
16 days. B. T. J. Ballin an Elder and member of the same  
Monthly Meeting died 8th month 1878 aged 87 years  
8 months and 20 days. It has united with New-Bedford  
Church in acknowledging the gift and approving  
the public ministrations of William Thompson and Charles D. Smith  
and has appointed Monthly Meeting in the appointment  
of William S. Siddle to the Station of Elder.

Church of the State of New York, that it has united with  
the same Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and  
approving the public ministrations of William Thompson and Charles  
D. Smith to the Station of Elder, and the same Monthly  
Meeting has elected Robert Goddard S. S. to the Station of Elder.

Church of the State of New York, that it has  
united with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift  
and approving the public ministrations of David D. Trapp, and  
with Weatherman Monthly Meeting in the appointment of  
Edmund H. H. H. to the Station of Elder. B. T. J. Ballin an  
Elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting died  
8th month 1878 aged 87 years 8 months and 16 days.  
John C. Allen an Elder and member of the same  
Monthly Meeting died 10th month 1878 aged 87 years  
and 16 days. James J. Allen an Elder and member of the same  
Monthly Meeting died 9th month 1878 aged 87 years  
and 16 days. John J. Allen an Elder and member of the same  
Monthly Meeting died 5th month 1879 aged 80 years 8 months  
and 16 days. David C. Allen an Elder and member of the same  
Monthly Meeting died 10th month 1878 aged 87 years 8 months  
and 16 days.





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... we received from our ...  
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 ... the following named ...  
 ... for ...

For ...	Cynthia J. East
...	Phoebe M. Gifford
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...	Esther Chace
...	Wilhelmina Freeman
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For Sandwich,	Rachel S. Howland
William C. Taber	Mary E. Gifford
Ephraim Gifford	Elisabeth C. King
Joseph King	...
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Large numbers

Our friend Margaret H. White accompanied  
us to the house in the morning. She is  
a delicate person from Baltimore. Her father

Adaptation to the new life

Heavenly Father, I pray for you.

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as occasion may require in reference to minutes or conduct. —

Since I have been in the city, I have been  
in the office of the old Lexell and I have been  
last night I have been in the office of the

in the knowledge of the gift and approving the  
 same. Wm. C. Sullivan  
 I have been told that you are

The above is a list of the names of the persons who  
 have been appointed to the various positions of the  
 Association, and who are to be present at the  
 meeting to be held at the Hotel de Ville, on the  
 15th of the month of June, next.

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the first a minute and a quarter of an hour. Then the  
the first second, and the first third, and so on,  
it will be the first half, the first third, and so on.

He met his mother, Mr. & Mrs. in the afternoon  
and Briggs and Sarah Osborn to the station, after  
which he went to the office in the morning.





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Accounts are received from members  
of the Yearly Meeting of the United States - where  
the following names were added to the  
attend the meeting in person -

For the Island  
Alfred Jones      Richard M. Jones  
Edmund A. Jones      Rebecca M. Jones  
William F. Jones      Esther Jones  
Obediah Jones      Martha Jones

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Yvonne Jones      Martha M. Jones  
Frank M. Jones      Gertrude M. Jones  
Owen Jones      Abigail M. Jones  
Mrs. M. Jones      Mary M. Jones  
William M. Jones      Mary M. Jones  
James M. Jones

Concord  
William C. Jones      Rachel S. Jones  
David Jones      Mary S. Jones  
David M. Jones      Elizabeth S. Jones  
John R. Jones      Rebecca S. Jones  
Arthur Jones      Anna G. Jones

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James Jones      Elizabeth A. Jones  
Charles Jones      John Jones  
Obediah Jones      Arthur Jones  
Stephen Jones      Frank Jones

Smith's Pond  
John Jones      Maria Jones  
William Jones      Sarah Jones  
Richard Jones      John Jones  
Thomas Jones      Maria Jones

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John Jones      Mary R. Jones  
Edmund Jones      Martha M. Jones  
James Jones      Rebecca M. Jones  
Obediah Jones      Anna G. Jones  
Stephen Jones      Frank Jones



Given

John B. Clarkland  
John C. Perkins  
E. B. Briggs

Ernest S. Clarkland  
Vesley C. Perkins  
Elizabeth G. Clarkland

Witnesses

Reuben S. Jones  
George Richardson  
Charles C. Briggs  
Joseph C. Jones  
Alfred Briggs

Philip S. Jones  
Charles C. Richardson  
Catherine C. Briggs

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legal effect. The above named witnesses  
have signed their names to this document  
as being true and correct and  
as being their own free and voluntary  
deeds.

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We have also with us our own  
friend Thomas C. Perkins - a very  
valuable friend and brother - who  
has been with us ever since we  
first met him in 1840. He has  
just now returned from  
They have produced a full set of  
minutes of conference from their respec-  
-ive meetings.

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After the meeting again adjourned.

At the adjournment the following resolutions were adopted: To have continued further and more united in interesting Alfred Rogers for clerk and Samuel R. Bagginton for assistant clerk. Which resolutions were agreed to by the meeting and they were accordingly appointed to those services respectively for one year.

Our dear friend John Paine who has for several years filled with faithfulness and efficiency the position of clerk to this meeting is at his earnest request released at this time and the meeting is united in expressing its satisfaction and appreciation of his services.

We have at this sitting the acceptable company of our friends William G. Johnson of Boston, George Manning and Mary S. Knowles of New York, George Manning in the ministry, with feelings of unity with them from their respective meetings.

We have also the acceptable company of our dear friend Miss C. Jewell as a champion to our friend Mary S. Knowles, with a feeling of unity with her from her home at the meeting of the Province of Quebec.

The Minutes have been read at this time with their respective answers from the various Country Meetings. From which the following Summary has been prepared for the Year Meeting - The state of things has drawn our attention at this time.

The further consideration of which is deferred to a more sitting.

Adjourned to meet on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

Second day of the meeting - The meeting again adjourned to adjournment.

The state of society was again taken up.



During the consideration of the state of the  
portion of Providence, we had before us the  
history of the Quaker and Irish Quakers, a  
short outline of the presence of the Lord was  
presented to us.

A deep and lively interest pervaded, and  
the most pertinent and instructive  
were given to be received. Friends of our own and  
the neighboring churches.

It was felt that we should be a  
more united and efficient body, we  
will our members make a careful self-  
examination and live as to Christ as  
well as the Father of these Quakers.

We were reminded by the danger of being  
satisfied rather than definite in laboring for  
the regeneration of souls. Definite work  
should be done, definite results which we  
sought. We are church members, the presence of  
human life but we must be careful  
to make our presence and our labor in  
laboring for the conversion of sinners.

The Church needs more than  
any other place, the only presence of the  
Lord is the Spirit.

Let us take the gift of the Holy Spirit  
to the Church, the Church is the Church and  
the Church.

Let us be reminded that there are  
divisions of gifts but the same Spirit.  
We that are called in high and low,  
clothes, and some prophets, and some  
singers, and some, pastors and teachers  
for the perfection of the Church, for the  
work of the Ministry, for the edification of  
the body of Christ, that we all come in  
the unity of the Spirit and of the knowledge  
of the truth of the Spirit, which is the  
unity of the Spirit and of the knowledge  
of the truth of the Spirit.

Let us remember that these  
gifts to the Church are called, let us

and the same is reported to our friends in the  
country. They want the right of election, and in fact  
they shall have it. I am sure that the  
Church is not to be left in the hands of  
the State. The Clerk is directed to see the same  
arranged to the satisfaction of the Church meeting with  
a copy of the foregoing minutes.

#### Minutes

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ministers and Elders are with sister ex-  
- ecution, diligent in attending their meetings  
for worship and edification, and endeavor to  
promote the attendance of their families.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The lives and conversation of Ministers  
and Elders are in most instances clean  
and blameless. The ladies  
they visit the society & are with them and  
with the members to which they belong  
harmoniously laboring together for the  
honor of God with the latter as follows.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> The society in general are the  
endeavor to rule their households well  
and to be united and faithful to their  
families in religious education and  
improvement, especially with regard  
to the Sabbath school.
- 4<sup>th</sup> The church is in a good degree preserved in  
love and are engaged to administer  
encouragement and counsel as occasion  
may require in reference to sinners  
or evildoers.

Received the following information  
from the Clerk of the Family Meeting  
which is directed to be a record of the  
same for the records.

"The Family Meeting of Ministers and  
Elders."



1881  
6 Mo.

The following changes have occurred in your  
meeting during the past year, Elizabeth Houd  
a Minister and Member of Providence Mo. Meeting  
died 1<sup>st</sup> Mo 23<sup>rd</sup> 1881- aged 87 years, 9 Mos. and 23 days.  
Darius Buffinton and Charles A. Chase have  
been appointed to the station of Elder by  
Providence Mo. Meeting. Susan E. Brown an  
Elder and member of Seaforth Mo. Meeting  
died 7<sup>th</sup> Mo. 19<sup>th</sup> 1880. aged 87 years 11 Mos. and  
20 days. New Bedford Mo. Meeting has  
acknowledged the gift and approved the  
public Ministry of Rebecca H. Emily,  
Vernon Gifford a Minister and Member  
of Sandwich Mo. Meeting, Mass. died 9<sup>th</sup> Mo.  
16<sup>th</sup> 1880 aged 86 years, 3 Mos. and 20 days.  
Lydia Liberton an Elder and Member of the  
same Mo. Meeting died 3<sup>rd</sup> Mo. 28<sup>th</sup> 1880 aged  
87 years, 3 Mos. and 27 days. Joshua Douglas  
a Minister and Member of Durham, Mo. Meeting  
died 1<sup>st</sup> Mo 21<sup>st</sup> 1881. aged 86 years 4 Mos. and  
13 days. Abram Winslow an Elder and Member  
of Winstington Mo. Meeting died 3<sup>rd</sup> Mo. 6<sup>th</sup> 1881, aged  
82 years 5 Mos and 26 days. Phebe S. Marsh  
a Member and Elder of Newbridge Mo. Meeting,  
died 6<sup>th</sup> Mo 10<sup>th</sup> 1880 aged 85 years and 11 Mos.  
Charles Hadron an Elder and Member of  
the same Monthly Meeting died 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo. 9<sup>th</sup>  
1881 aged 84 years, 1 Mo. and 5 days.  
Anne Maria Crocker an Elder and member of  
Smithfield Mo. Meeting died 11<sup>th</sup> Mo. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1880, aged  
74 years, 5 Mos. and 15 days. William Aldrich  
has been appointed to the station of Elder by  
Smithfield Mo. Meeting. Fessallford Mo.  
Meeting has acknowledged the gift and  
approved the public Ministry of Facheus  
Goddard. Sarah A. Jenkins an Elder and  
Member of the same Mo. Meeting died 4<sup>th</sup> Mo.  
23<sup>rd</sup> 1881 aged 77 years. Elizabeth J. Gilkey  
an Elder and Member of Unity Mo. Meeting  
died 10<sup>th</sup> Mo 12<sup>th</sup> 1880 aged 88 years and  
2 Mos. Paul Hoag an Elder and Member of  
Sandwich Mo. Meeting, N.H. died 11<sup>th</sup> Mo. 18<sup>th</sup>



1880 aged 70 years 5 mos. and 5 days. and Sarah  
W. Little an Elder and Member of Zion Ch. Meeting  
died 12<sup>th</sup> Mo 9<sup>th</sup> 1880 aged 86 years and 8 mos.

William D. Newhall

Clerk of the Yearly Meeting

Portland, Maine 6<sup>th</sup> Mo 11<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Third day morning the 14<sup>th</sup> - the meeting again  
assembled.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock on 5<sup>th</sup> day morning.

Fifth day morning the 16<sup>th</sup>. Friends again met.

The Representatives were present except 23.

This meeting has been brought into deep exercise  
at this time on behalf of the meetings of our Yearly  
Meeting. Many of these are very small and  
attended mostly by those in the middle and  
older walks of society, while many of the young  
youth either do not seek the house of worship  
at all or are drawn to attend the meetings  
of other churches. It is a serious and im-  
portant question, what can be done to  
build up our meetings? We were reminded  
that when Zion trembleth she bringeth forth  
children, and what the church needs  
is a harvest of soul for the conversion of  
sinners who being brought to Christ will  
love to glorify Him in the assemblies of  
His people. While true worship may  
often be performed in silence and is ex-  
ceedingly sweet and precious to many  
an advanced believer, there are those  
who attend our meetings that cannot  
appreciate and are little profited by this  
form of worship.

One of Gods appointed means of  
bringing men to himself is the faithfulness  
of his servants in his house - As in former  
times so now it pleaseth God by the  
foolishness of preaching to save them  
that believe. While we may be counted



1881 in silence thousands are and have been  
6<sup>th</sup> Mr. by the power of the Holy Ghost through the  
ministration of the word preached.

The believer and especially every Christian  
Minister is a priest unto God and every  
high priest is ordained to offer gifts and  
sacrifices. Hence we are all ~~ordained~~  
in our meetings to bring our offerings to  
the Lord and lay them upon the altar.  
That we be instant in season speaking  
a word in due time. Many of our  
meetings are cold, lifeless ones because  
there is an unprofitable withholding  
through fear, weakness and shrinking  
from bearing the cross with Christian  
courage. How can we better preach  
Christ in our important question which  
claimed the earnest attention of this meeting.  
- In the consideration of this subject  
we were exhorted to hold up Christ as  
our full and free Salvation having  
our hearts filled with his burning love.

The mere intellectual knowledge of  
Him is not a sufficient qualification  
for holding Him up.

He says "follow me and I will  
make you fishers of men, and if we are  
made fishers of men it is because Christ  
dwelleth in us. Rather than fix ourselves  
up for Him, just follow Him and by  
little things doing and suffering be  
made perfect through obedience.

He has given us understanding.  
and we are to exercise it in our ap-  
-proaches to Him and in our services  
for Him - We should not be too anxious  
about results - It is possible for us to be  
deceived in this respect - There may  
be much chaff and little wheat or little  
chaff & much wheat - We were admon-  
-ished to store our minds with everything  
which would fit us for the work in

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Which we are engaged, that we may be  
restored a firmness unto God which need not  
be ashamed so that the Lord can make use  
of us to his glory. He having given us the  
Holy Scriptures which are profitable for  
doctrine & for instruction we should study  
them carefully with the circumstances  
and people connected that we may find  
them more fully, then shall we be better  
able to preach the gospel in the demon-  
-stration of the Spirit and of power.

Hiding himself behind the cross the  
humble servant will be solicitous of  
holding up Christ alone at the the  
summers friend and joyfully with a  
smiling countenance and a cheerful  
heart preach the Lord Jesus Christ.

We would thankfully acknowledge the  
gracious presence of the Holy Spirit of the  
Church to have been with us as we have  
gathered at different times, cooperating  
refreshing and binding us more closely  
together, and having under this precious  
covering been favored to transact the  
business of the meeting in much  
harmony and love we now conclude  
proposing to meet again at New York  
R. I. at the appointed time next  
year if the Lord permit

Alfred H. Jones, Clerk





Light & Warm  
 & Gentle. M. & S. & L. & S.  
 & S. & S. & S. & S.



The meeting again presented  
the representatives were present about 15.  
The committee appointed to  
draft a party rule covering the franchise  
of our friend Eli Stone was continued.

The same letter to the President was also sent  
the copies from the Secretary and which were  
distributed by this route. And the Clerk is directed  
to lay them before the yearly meeting with a copy  
of the accompanying minutes.

Gentles when an examination of this portion  
 of our society, the felt presence of the Lord was manifest  
 - experienced to be the corner of our spirits: and  
 grateful acknowledgments, and humble thanksgiving  
 were offered unto Him for His continued mercies  
 and loving kindnesses

Black pertinent counsel and encouragement  
were given.

Doing service cheerfully for the Lord as He  
lays it upon us, the Society will not die, but  
live, and grow and abundantly increase, and  
go forward in the fulfillment of its Divine  
Mission.

We were reminded of our obligations, past & present  
to our households.

What is that which we most desire to see in our children? is it not the first dawnings of Christian life? And how essential is it to follow up this life in them with our counsel, our love, and our example. It is thus that they shall be kept, and grow up as calves of the stall and as plants of the Lord's own right hand planting, and become fruitful in the field of offering, and joyful in His house of prayer. We were instructed that we should be as solicitors to move under Divine ability as we are careful to wait for it for the right performance of every presented duty: and by faithfulness in our smaller duties shall we be better fitted for efficient labor abroad.

The offices of the Holy Ghost were clearly set forth and we were reminded that He was not given a robe for ornament living, but in testimony of power for useful service in the great harvest field.





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We have received at this time the following  
- useful information from the Giddy Meeting which  
has been spread and is directed to be placed  
upon our records. We are reminded by the  
large number of deaths of dearly beloved friends  
of this body therein recorded, of the brevity of hu-  
- man life and that we too shall soon go to our  
long home where the mourners will, & about  
the streets. My days sweep over are as hand  
breadth. Mine age is as nothing before the  
- surely every man at his best state is to-  
gether vanity. It frames queries what is your  
life, and adds it is vanitas vapor & shall  
endureth for a season and then vanisheth  
away. May we rather of the instance in which  
these truths teach us find be also ready.

To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders of New  
England Yearly Meeting.

The following changes have occurred within  
the limits of our meeting as reported in the accounts  
of our several Quarterly Meetings.  
At our last Quarterly Meeting reports that  
L. Anthony an Elder and member of Swinsea Meeting  
died on Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1882 aged 75 years 10 Mos.  
and 23 days.

*Salem & vicinity Mass Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1890*



3000. An Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting died 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 1881 aged 74 years 8 mos and 4 days; Sewall Ordway & Minister and member of Leabrook Monthly Meeting died Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1881 aged 71 years 7 mos and 10 days. Tabina A. Taber an Elder and member of same Monthly Meeting died 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 1881 aged 67 years 9 mos and 28 days. And that it has united with the same Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Herod Chase to the station of Elder!

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of James G. Fisher and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Melvish Gilford to the station of Elder.

That Mary A. Wing a Minister and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting died 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1881 aged 87 years 5 mos. and 2 days.

Priscilla King a Minister and member of the same meeting died 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1881 aged 66 years 2 mos and 12 days, and that Mary Ann an Elder and member of the same meeting died 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1881 aged 83 years 10 mos and 6 days.

Wm. A. Taber a Minister and member of New Bedford Mo. Meeting has been released from membership in our Society upon his own request and Mary D. Taber an Elder and member of the same Mo. Meeting has removed beyond the limits of this Yearly Meeting.

Dartmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that West Goldard an Elder and member of Dartmouth Mo. Meeting died 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1881 aged 80 years 1 mos. and 3 days.

Wm Douglas an Elder and member of Winkham Mo. Meeting died 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1881 aged 53 years 4 mos. and 14 days.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Uxbridge Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Caroline B. Currier and Mary R. A. even to the station of Elder, and with the same meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of James C. Wheeler.

Victoria Col. ... member ...  
... died ... 1881 ...  
Ruth Holder ... member ...  
... died ... 1881 ...  
... died ... 1881 ...  
... died ... 1881 ...

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united  
with Passadumcoctus ... in acknowledging the gift  
and approving the public ministry of ...  
and with China ... in the appointment  
of Phoebe M. Bean to the station of Elder.

... died ... 1882 ...  
Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united  
with Dover ... in the appointment  
of ... and Lydia S.C. ... to the station  
of Elder.

Winfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has  
united with Sidney ... in acknowledging  
the gift and approving the public ministry  
of ... and in the appointment  
of ... and Christine Butterfield  
to the station of Elder, and with ...  
Meeting in the appointment of ...  
to the same station.

Taken from the minutes of the  
yearly meeting of Friends for ...  
...  
... 1882 -

We have at this sitting the acceptable  
company of our Dear Friend Joseph Stacey in  
the ministry with a satisfactory minute of unity  
with him in his present religious engagements  
from ... Meeting and ...  
... Meeting, Ohio.



Leaving our mercifully guided &  
and very dear brethren and sisters  
blessed (which I see need under  
the gracious vision of the Lord) to  
transact the business of this branch of the  
(where to which has come before us from)  
sitting to sitting in great loved and harmonious  
we now separate ourselves to meet again  
at Portland Maine at the appointed  
time next year if the Lord will  
Signed before, Clerk.

At the first meeting of the Association held on Monday and Tuesday for the purpose of holding a conference in the year 1848.

We have received accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings in all the churches and Districts in which it appears that the representation at this meeting are as follows viz:

For Rhode Island -  
Robert W. Gifford Obediah Chase  
Joseph H. Gifford Cynthia J. Earle  
Ephraim Chase William H. Perry  
Samuel R. Buffington and Ruth Ann Collins

For Salem  
Joseph C. Cottland Charles H. Jones  
William O. Knowlton Fannie Dime  
Frederick W. Cottland Tracy B. Sanks  
Genthiel W. Huntington Mary A. Pease  
Helen Huntington and Eliza Hogg-

For Sandwich  
William C. Taber William H. Harrison  
David Keller Obediah Gifford  
Rebecca H. Smith Anna G. Wood  
Blanch G. Chase Mary G. Gifford  
Mary C. Gifford and Hannah S. Brightman

For Falmouth  
William Estabrook Nathaniel Hawks  
Cynthia Henson George Douglass  
Vernon Goddard Mary C. Hawks  
Esther Jones and Eliza L. Henson

For Smithfield

For Waterbury  
Alfred H. Jones Thomas F. St. John  
Obediah F. Jones Stephen P. Jones  
Grace Jones Rachel P. Jones  
Charles H. Goddard and Mary C. Jones



For Doan

Oliver Reader William B. Little  
Wm. Reader Mrs. H. B. Little  
Mary Reader and Eliza B. Little

For Harriet

James Briggs A. H. H. H. H. H.  
V. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.  
George H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.  
Eliza H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.

George Richardson and Sarah M. Richardson  
had are present except 12 for the absence  
of whom sufficient reasons are given.

We have in attendance of this meeting  
before friends in the vicinity from other yearly  
meetings. They have produced satisfactory  
evidence from their previous meetings in  
expressing faith with them as ministers and  
with their present religious engagements.

Spice Church from London yearly meet-  
ing, England.

Wages H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.  
L. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.

A. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.  
H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.

V. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.  
H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.  
H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.

We have also acceptable with us  
H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.  
H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.  
H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.  
H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.

Admitted 73 sick this afternoon

Our friend, Friend Rogers  
returned at this time. He certifieth as wanted him  
by this meeting we have you for religious labors in  
England, Ireland, on the Continent & Russia  
and in Syria, with satisfactory returns from  
your various Chieftain Meetings and Min-  
-istry held 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1851 and the Holy Spirit  
of Ministers and Elders held in Dublin, Ireland 5<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
1851-3-

He also gave an extended and interesting  
account of his travels and labors and the advance-  
ment of the work of the Word in Syria, Palestine,  
Arabia, Kurdistan and in the vicinity of  
Mesopotamia. It is cause of grateful acknowl-  
-edgment to men & to men in heaven that our  
-dear brother has been preserved in the enjoy-  
-ment of his blessing, strength and sound of body and  
mind to perform this noble service and to  
return again to us with the crown of life.

George Richardson Currier and  
Hannah C. Ladd, Mrs. George Mayhew  
and Ellen C. Buffum. are appointed to  
prepare a summary of the business of the  
series and present them at the next  
meeting.

Our Beloved Friend Alexander M.  
 is the minister with pastoral charge  
 from Rochester Monthly Meeting. New York is ac-  
 ceptable with us all the time.



1<sup>st</sup> Day morning 6<sup>th</sup> Mo. 2<sup>nd</sup> the meeting  
was well attended

The reports received at this time from  
Southwick Unitarian Meeting on Ministers and  
Deacons the representatives are for that meeting  
William Adickson from Southwick  
William Adickson from Southwick  
and Maria Adickson who are present  
and for those a license subscription  
has been made

The representatives from the several  
Unitarian Meetings on Ministers and Deacons  
are present as follows

The Committee to prepare Communion  
papers the Deacons have attended to  
their appointment

The Papers have been read at  
this time with their respective answers  
from the several Unitarian Meetings on Min-  
isters and Deacons

The review of this portion of society has  
brought out much thought - The portion on  
- Celebration of the subject is prepared to  
be read at once

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock on 3<sup>rd</sup>  
day morning

2<sup>nd</sup> Day morning 6<sup>th</sup> Mo. 11<sup>th</sup>

The meeting was well attended -

The presence of the Lord has been  
very much felt and used this time as we  
have been drawn close together in the bonds  
of Christian love and have realized the precious

presence of the oneness in Christ who is the Head  
of the Church and his Church, God blessed

702-10-11  
The earnest desire has been provided that an earnest work  
be a sincere earnest and efficient agency in the  
Lord's hands in carrying the good news of salvation  
to a lost and needy world.

Her most supplication was offered that the Lord  
would remember Zion and strengthen her with  
Blessings her words. In the construction of the  
states and words are prophetic. We were in-  
structed that if we would see our borders enlarged  
our states must be grand and strong that our  
words may be true to them.

The pathways of the savior with peace & the  
trial incident to the journey of human life  
were put forth and the words of "the savior" revived  
"In the world we shall have tribulation but be of  
good cheer & we have overcome the world."

There is peace in Christ, in whom the  
child of the Lord rejoices with joy unspeakable and  
full of glory. As we come near to the savior in  
fellowship with the Father and the Son, we get  
near to one another in love, and as we live  
a preparatory work in the Master's course.

Unitedly we need to wage aggressive war-  
fare against the foe without neglecting our  
- selves up in the citadel, and let each work in  
the way the Master leads; all are indwelt  
work in the same way; and may the Lord  
pour out upon us the Spirit of life and power.

In the early days of this select, spirit in-  
- struments were raised up among the young  
declaring the story of the Lord with wonderful  
power to the conversion of souls. The same  
now needs the zeal and fervor of the class,  
how life should not be subdued, but  
its holy energy bent in the right direction  
in channels of usefulness for the Church.

Powerless ourselves let us remember the words  
of our Lord "I can do all things through Christ  
which strengthen me."

Living near the fountain we may  
be kept holy, harmless, and undefiled, showing



forth the benison of His love hath called us  
out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Summary of business.

1<sup>st</sup> With little exception we are diligent in attending  
our meetings for worship and discipline and in  
work, measure cannot be given to the attendance  
of our families.

2<sup>nd</sup> With some exception we are in unity our  
with another and with the Meetings which  
we believe harmoniously laboring together in  
retaining our faith.

3<sup>rd</sup> We are engaged for a month in searching  
the Holy Scriptures carefully and with a  
right understanding of their meaning under  
the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit  
and through the aid of our ministers and  
with the same eagerness noted in the business por-  
tion of the Quarterly Meetings.

We have received the following statistical  
information from the Clerk of the Yearly  
Meeting which has been read and is  
directed to be spread upon our records.

"At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for  
New England now sitting.

"To the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and  
Discipline Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting  
reports that it has united with South Kingdon  
Quarterly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and  
adjoining the public ministers of the  
State of Maine and with the yearly meeting  
in the appointment of George S. Wood and  
Anna S. Gould to the station of Elders  
and with Greenwich Mo. Mts. in the ap-  
pointment of Charles D. Thompson and Mary  
Baker and with Swanton Mo. Mts. in  
the appointment of Elizabeth A. Benson

and Amos C. Skinner to the same station and that 19 Friends have been added as members of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Soc. Mty. in the appointment of William Chase to the station of Elder and with Uxbridge Soc. Mty. in the appointment of Henry P. Osborne and Mary B. Chase to the same station and in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Elizabeth L. Perkins.

Mary E. Bried an Elder died 7<sup>th</sup> Mo. 1<sup>st</sup> 1882 aged 86 years and 1 day. Joseph S. Nichols an Elder died 18<sup>th</sup> Mo. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1882 aged 68 years 10 mos. and 12 days and Henry R. Allen an Elder died 3<sup>rd</sup> Mo. 27<sup>th</sup> 1882 aged 63 years 2 mos. and 3 days, all members of Salem Soc. Mty.

George S. Borton a minister was received into the same Soc. Mty. by certificate from Durham Soc. Mty. New York, Lucy Elder, Benjamin, &c.

Wesley a minister and Mahala F. Jones an Elder of Salem Soc. Mty. have removed to San Jose Soc. Mty. California. Daniel Breda a minister and member of Scabrook Soc. Mty. died 4<sup>th</sup> Mo. 16<sup>th</sup> 1883 aged 77 years and 19 days and that 21 Friends have been added as members of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Soc. Mty. in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Hannah S. Wins and in the appointment of William Jane Gifford to the station of Elder and with West Medford Soc. Mty. in the appointment of George Howard Jr. to the same station and that 18 Friends have been added as members of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that Samuel Jones an Elder and member of Durham Soc. Mty. died 6<sup>th</sup> Mo. 15<sup>th</sup> 1882 aged 78 years and 7 days that it has united with Windham Soc. Mty. in the appointment of Lydia M. Pope to the station of Elder and that 19 Friends have been added as members of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that 18 Friends have been added as members of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight.



J. Smith died Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, died 11 mo 21<sup>st</sup>, 1882  
aged 62 years 5 mo and 11 days and that 6 Friends  
have been added as members of the meeting on  
Ministry and Oversight.

Yassaboo Quarterly Meeting reports  
that it has united with Friends Mr. M. in re-  
solved in the right and approving the public  
ministry of William P. Turner and in the ab-  
solute faith of Grace & Mercy to the station of  
Elder, and with Yassaboo Mo. Mt. in the ap-  
pointment of Charles Gibson, Grace & Osborne  
Olson, & Pierce and those of the same  
station. Rachel B. Loring in Elder and member  
of Shinn Mo. Mt. died 6 mo 24<sup>th</sup> 1882 aged  
82 years and 22 days and that 3 Friends have  
been added as members of the meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight.

Our Quarterly Meeting reports that  
it has united with Friends Mr. M. in the  
appointment of Thomas H. Loring and Martha C.  
Loring to the station of Elder and that 10 Friends  
have been added as members of the meeting on  
Ministry and Oversight.

Griffith Quarterly Meeting reports  
that it has united with Friends Mr. M.  
in the appointment of Seth B. L. Virginia  
M. & L. and Grace H. Loring to the station  
of Elder - Joseph Loring and Elder and  
member of the station Mr. M. died 6 mo 24<sup>th</sup> 1882  
aged 82 years 7 mo and 11 days. Grace B. Loring  
in Elder and member of the station Mr. M.  
died 6 mo 6<sup>th</sup> 1882 aged 64 years 5 mo and  
19 days and that 14 Friends have been  
added as members of the meeting on  
Ministry and Oversight.

" Portland 6 mo 11<sup>th</sup> 1883.

William J. Newhall  
Clerk.

As we are about to separate we gratefully  
acknowledge the goodness and condescension of  
the Lord in meeting with us in our various  
sittings under the covering of those whom we  
have been comforted and refreshed together and  
enabled to transact the business of the Church which  
has come before us in Christian love and harmony.

We now adjourn purposing to meet again  
at Newfott R. D. at the appointed time  
next year if the Lord permit.

Alfred H. Jones

Black



Dear Sir  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New York.

The Committee on the subject of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New York, have the honor to advise you that the same has been referred to the Committee on the subject of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New York.

Very respectfully,  
 John C. Thompson  
 Samuel J. Thompson  
 Charles J. Thompson  
 William J. Thompson  
 and John C. Thompson

For Albany  
 John C. Thompson  
 Samuel J. Thompson  
 Charles J. Thompson  
 William J. Thompson  
 and John C. Thompson

For New York  
 John C. Thompson  
 Samuel J. Thompson  
 Charles J. Thompson  
 William J. Thompson  
 and John C. Thompson

For Farmington  
 Timothy Hanson  
 John C. Thompson  
 Samuel J. Thompson  
 Charles J. Thompson  
 William J. Thompson  
 and John C. Thompson

For Springfield  
 Thomas Green  
 John C. Thompson  
 Samuel J. Thompson  
 Charles J. Thompson  
 William J. Thompson  
 and John C. Thompson

Mr. Rogers  
 Mr. L. L. Garrison  
 Mr. L. L. Garrison  
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 Mr. L. L. Garrison

Mr. L. L. Garrison  
 George Richardson  
 Joseph L. Briggs  
 Isaac Briggs  
 Isaac Briggs

several names being called they were present as well  
 as for the absence of a few sufficient reason  
 was given

We have acceptably in attendance of this week  
 in beloved friends in the ministry from other  
 yearly meetings - they have produced satisfactory  
 results from their respective meetings ex-  
 pressing unity with them as ministers and with  
 their present religious engagements.

James M. L. Ireland  
 Charles W. Conydon

John C. Thomas } Ball's Yearly Meeting  
 John C. Thomas }

John C. Thomas } Fair Yearly Meeting  
 John C. Thomas }

John C. Thomas } American Yearly Meeting  
 John C. Thomas }

John C. Thomas } American Yearly Meeting  
 John C. Thomas }



We have also acceptables with us at this time.  
Our friends Eliza, Foster and companion, John Lusk, and  
Caleb Hays and Martha J. Lusk's companion, as  
Hiram J. Elliot, William G. Goulds companion, John  
Lusk and John Hays, and last, Aquilla F. Fisher and  
his wife, Eliza, and last, Eliza and her  
companion, John Lusk and John Hays, with  
satisfactory, and suitable from their respective meetings.

This meeting is united in requesting the Quarterly  
Meetings on Thursday, and Wednesday, to furnish to  
this meeting in their annual reports, statistical  
and other information of the number of Ministers, Elders  
and Workers.

George Hays, J. O. Hays, J. O. Hays, J. O. Hays,  
John H. Hays, J. O. Hays, J. O. Hays, and Hiram  
J. Hays are appointed to prepare summary  
reports of the Quakers and present them at our  
next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon the meeting again adjourned.

Eli Jones on behalf of the representatives  
informed that they have conferred together,  
and are united in proposing the names of  
Alfred H. Jones for Clerk and Huldah H. Clayton  
for, assistant clerk, which were unanimously  
approved by the meeting. They are appointed  
to those services respectively for one year.

We have at this time the acceptable  
company of our dear friends in the morning  
with satisfactory and suitable from their  
respective meetings.

David L. Hays from Andover, J. O. Hays  
Francis Hays " " " "  
Eliza Hays " " "

Our dear friend Mr. G. L. H. has been  
to her husband, James L. H. with satisfactory  
credentials from her worthy husband is about to  
return.

The committee to prepare Summary papers  
the Queries have attended to their assignment.

The Queries have been read at this time  
with their respective answers from the several  
Quarterly Meetings on Minutes and Oversight.

The further consideration of the Summary is  
assigned for our next meeting.

It is agreed to meet on 7<sup>th</sup> day at 8 o'clock A.M.

Next day, morning 6<sup>th</sup> Mo. 4<sup>th</sup> The meeting  
again assembled.

The representations to this meeting  
from the several Quarterly Meetings on Minutes  
and Oversight are present except 15.

The Summary answers to the Queries were  
approved and the state of society coming  
for further consideration.

The clerk is directed to lay the  
Summary answers to the Queries before the  
body sitting with a copy of the minutes  
taken on the state of society. Under the

The summary of the answers to the Queries is as  
follows

1<sup>st</sup> With little exception our members are diligent  
in attending meetings for worship and devotion  
and careful to promote the attendance of their  
families.

2<sup>d</sup> We are in unity one with another and with  
the meetings to which we belong. harmoniously  
laboring together in gathering souls to Christ with  
little exception reported in from Quarterly  
Meetings.



1893 (2<sup>d</sup>) We believe our members are engaged frequently in sustaining the Holiness movement, cheerfully putting a right understanding of their position under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

The following is the minute on the state of society. The reading of the Series and Answers has called forth much pertinent counsel and instruction from our brethren in the ministry, calculated to make all feel the deep obligations they are under to our benevolent Father in Heaven, to praise and adore His name for the unexampled loving kindness to the children of men, and to be clothed with the armor of light for aggressive work against the powers of darkness.

We are reminded that we should be vigilant and active workers while it is called today, for the night of death will soon come wherein no man can work.

Care should be exercised that none of God's ministers be hindered by wandering or too sensibly preaching. That which is most effective is that which is short and direct and accompanied by the power of the Divine Spirit.

Allusion was made to some of the changes which have come over our society, and the older members were tenderly exhorted to be kind and loving toward those who may be called to speak or read a portion of Scripture in any of our meetings, that no peer may be left on the ground of these.

"Be careful as George Fox says 'how you put yourself among the people, there will be'."

There should be guidance by precedent in rendering service unto the Lord but rather seek to be clothed with the spirit of God that with "thou have me to do"? and while maintaining a lowliness of heart acknowledge the individuality of each in the exercise of the spiritual gifts conferred. Some may have one gift and

more more than one, but we are to be married to the  
glory of God and in gathering souls into Christ.

There was entertained that as ministers and  
elders we were united in harmoniously laboring to-  
gether and that with greater faithfulness in the  
work more abundant would be the fruitage of  
the Church.

Adjourned to meet again on 2<sup>d</sup> day, morning  
of 8 October.

Second day morning (Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>). The meeting  
again assembled.

The representatives are present  
except 19.

We have received the following statistics  
and information from the clerk of the Year  
Meeting which has been read and is di-  
rected to be spread upon our free boards.

By the removal of several of our dear  
members of this meeting by death we are again  
strongly impressed with the truth that here we  
have no continuing city that all flesh is as  
grass & that it behoves us who remain a little

longer in the Church to glorify our Redeemer  
in the name of the Lord for fresh labor in His  
vineyard, that all the work assigned us to do  
may be done, and well done when our change  
comes.

"To the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and  
Over-sight.

The following changes have occurred  
in our various Quarterly Meetings as reported  
to this meeting viz.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports  
that it has united with Providence Monthly Meeting  
in acknowledging the gift and approving the  
public & permanent in the Ministry of Adeline G.  
Mann, and with Rhode Island Yearly Meeting  
in the appointment of Mrs Sherman and  
Mary Damm to the station of Elders and that



it has added two friends as members of the  
Meeting on Ministry and Oversight

Calverton Quarterly Meeting reports that it has  
conferred with Boston Monthly Meeting in the ap-  
pointment of Saml F. Hoag to the station of Elder  
Hannah Knicker an Elder and member of Seabrook  
(now Amesbury), Mr. Meeting died 5<sup>th</sup> Mo 26<sup>th</sup> 1883  
aged 83 years 8 mos. and 22 days. Mary B. Paige  
an Elder and member of Wears Mr. Meeting died  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mo 6<sup>th</sup> 1884 aged 73 years 3 mos and 8 days

Martha C. Hunt a minister received by  
certificate from Lund Creek Mr. Meeting into  
Calverton Mr. Meeting has been released from  
membership in our society upon her own  
request.

Five Friends have been added as  
members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that  
it has conferred with Sandwich Mr. Meeting in  
the appointment of Joseph Burr, Robert D. Burr  
and Elizabeth Gifford to the station of Elders,  
and that it has added one Friend as a member  
in the meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Deborah A. May an Elder and member of  
Lund Bedford Mr. Meeting died 25<sup>th</sup> Mo 27<sup>th</sup> 1883  
aged 82 years and 10 months and 18 days.

Samuel Foster a minister and member of  
Sandwich Mr. Meeting died 14<sup>th</sup> Mo 19<sup>th</sup> 1884  
aged 50 years 2 mos and 1 day -

Calverton Quarterly Meeting reports  
that Mary C. Little a minister and member  
of Sandwich Mr. Meeting has been released  
from membership in our society upon her  
own request -

Smythfield Quarterly Meeting reports that  
it has conferred with Smithfield Mr. Meeting in  
the appointment of Dorcas Davies Samuel  
Arnold and Henry D. Swift to the station of  
Elders. Abel C. Monroe a minister and  
member of Smithfield Mr. Meeting died 8<sup>th</sup> Mo  
18<sup>th</sup> 1883 aged 64 3 mos and 1 day. John P.  
Davies Mr. Minister and member of Smithfield  
Mr. Meeting died 3<sup>rd</sup> Mo 15<sup>th</sup> 1884 aged 52 years

9 and last 11 days.

Reverend H. Green on 11th inst. member of  
Anti-Slavery Meeting died 6 am. 26 Feb. aged 70  
years, 6 mth. and 2 days.

Dea Walburn & Liberty Meeting reports that it  
has united with the Christian M. Meeting in re-  
ceiving the gift and approving the  
public ministry of Frank E. Foster. May  
Ann Jones a Minister and member of Church  
Mr. M. M. T. died 6 "Mar 24" 1848. aged 54 years  
1 mo. and 16 days and that six friends have  
been added as members to the meeting in  
Ministry and Oversight.

Down County Meeting reports that it  
has united with Sandwich M. Meeting in re-  
ceiving the gift and approving the public  
ministry of Frank H. H. and Augustus H. H. and  
that 12 friends have been added as members to  
the meeting in Ministry and Oversight.

From the Yearly Meeting we receive  
Wm C. Parker  
Secret 6<sup>th</sup> Mo. 1848. Clerk

There has been a general order the divine  
blessing to disclose of the various interests of the  
Church which have attracted our attention as there  
is much love and Christian fellowship in our assembly  
conclude with the description of the Holy Spirit and the  
who is head over all things unto his Church, purifying  
& sanctifying at the appointed time  
of the Lord himself.

Alfred H. Jones  
Clerk,





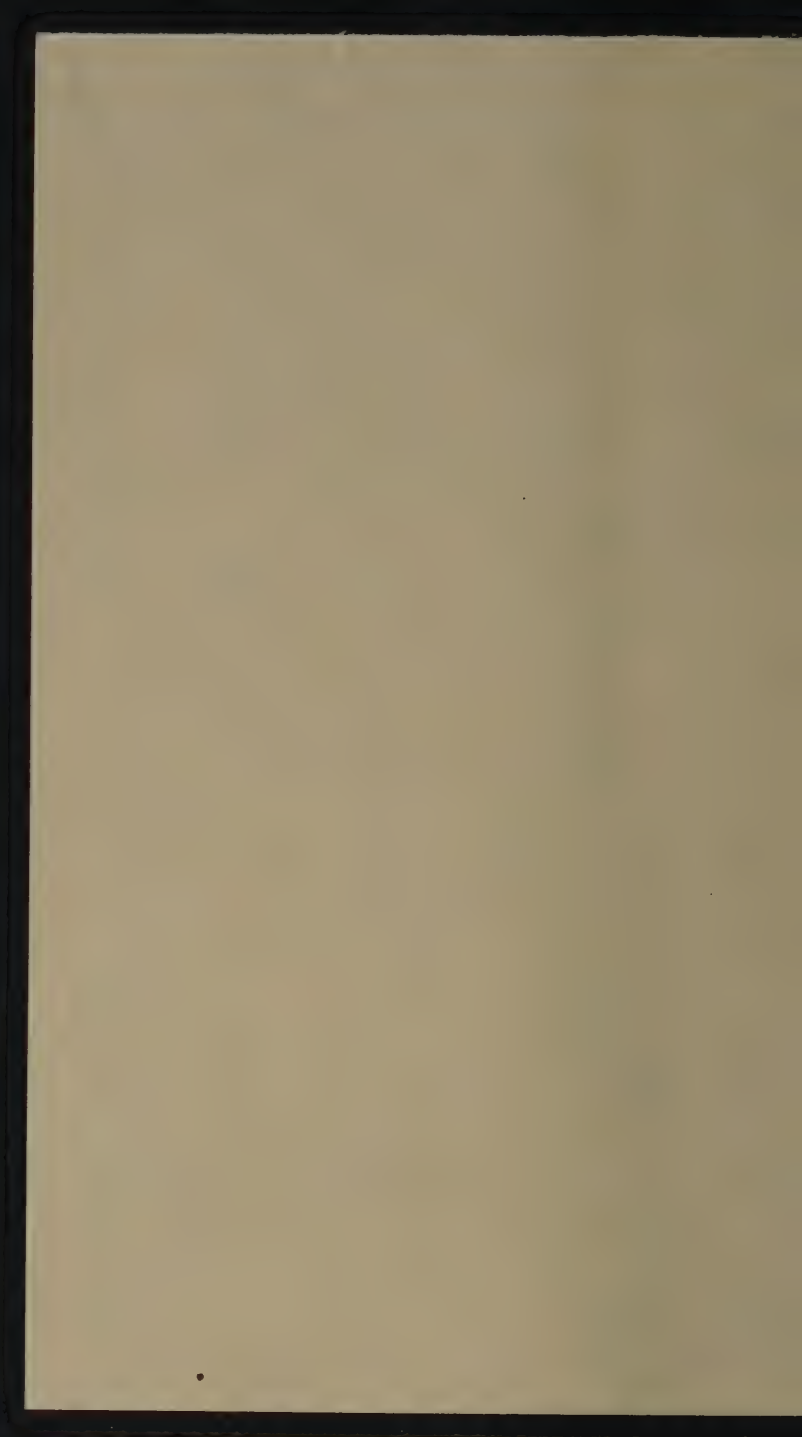
The Committee suggest  
the name of

Trinity R. House  
House of Prayer  
House of Love  
House of Hope  
House of Peace

Committee on English  
Language

appointed 1916.





Wm. H. Burleigh

Journal of William  
H. Burleigh

Have accepted in attendance

meetings - Cheyenne

Ministers used with

your representations





Dear attention -

Yours truly

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My dear friend  
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am  
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines  
will find you the same. I have been thinking of you  
often lately and wondering how you are getting on.  
The time is passing so rapidly and I feel  
that I must be getting on in years. I am  
well and hope these few lines will find you the same.  
I am, my dear friend, ever yours,  
John Doe



and ... on ...

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Thomas ... & Electa ...

George A. Boston

Rebecca D. ... and Arnold ...

and Lydia ...

and ...

[Faint handwritten text, possibly names and addresses]

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These names have called they scribble  
 present except 16 for the absence of 12 of the  
 sufficient persons are given.

We have a committee in attendance of this  
 meeting beloved friends in the committee  
 other benefactors. They have been  
 celebratory and dignified from their respective  
 various expressive words with them as ministers  
 and with their present policy as arrangements  
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| Chicago Collins<br>John W. Bell<br>Hugh Smith<br>Charles M. Rogers | } New York<br>John W. Bell |
|--|----------------------------|

Mr. C. Collins      Mr. C. Collins

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| John W. Bell<br>John W. Bell<br>Charles M. Rogers | } Ind. John W. Bell |
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The same afternoon the following was  
done: - The members present at the 11th - and  
conferred to the Lord with satisfaction re-  
solved for Brek Brek monthly meetings  
1st.

We appoint Oliver S. Gooden  
Moderator & Francis David, Secy. Leave  
the - William Jones, Eliza S. Brigham, Rebecca  
Hathorn & Maria A. Jones to prepare a sermon  
concerning the Queries and present them  
at our next sitting.

At 8 o'clock to meet at 8 o'clock this  
afternoon.

Afternoon the meeting again  
commenced.

Brother S. Gooden for on behalf of  
the congregation informed that they  
have received letters and are united  
in supporting the same. S. Gooden, Eliza  
for Eliza and Eliza to S. Gooden for  
resistant that for our peace which some in-  
-notions being approved they are appointed  
to these services respectively for one year

The Committee to prepare summary  
concerning the Queries have attended to their  
duties.

The Queries have been read at this  
time with much reflection arising from the several  
Quarterly meetings on Ministry and Oversight.

The differences mentioned in the records were  
settled with much satisfaction expressed - The  
further consideration of the spiritual condition  
of this department of the Church is postponed till  
our next sitting.

At 8 o'clock to 9 o'clock morning the 12th inst  
at 8 o'clock.

7<sup>th</sup> Day November 1856 The meeting was  
held at -

The representatives are present as follows

The Committee appointed on the request from the  
Island Society, London, under the following report  
which is accepted and passed with the following  
the same committee for similar service for one  
year -

To the United Methodist Ministry in the  
Island Society, London, under the following  
- bers and meetings of the Island Society, London  
on account of differences with the Committee of the  
Report that now has been extended. Visits have  
been made as very often and some good results  
has followed, but we would recommend the con-  
tinuance of the same case of this matter that may  
a perfect harmony may be restored

On behalf of the Committee

Robert J. Jones

Anna J. Good

Nov 10. 1856

The Church was treated to the same by the  
to the same before the same with a report of  
the following minutes on the State of the Church

The same are as follows.

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The same is as follows. The same is as follows.

to which we belong. With some exceptions, the  
in gathering into Church have been generous.

2. It is obvious our numbers are frequently reduced  
because the Holy Scriptures, which by the influence  
of the Holy Spirit a right conclusion  
in of their contents - Careful not to mislead or  
to mislead them.











and we did it once

...reports that it has united  
...in acknowledging the right  
...the public ministry of the ...  
...the ...

...Fidney Monthly collected  
...and 84 years to ...  
...that ...

...Monthly collected died 6<sup>th</sup> ...  
...69 years 9 mos. and 7 days.  
...the early ...

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1876.

Adjourned to meet again at 8 o'clock on

The meeting again assembled.

Once more are we made reminded of the  
...the loving kindness of the Lord while we ...  
...we now conclude ...

A Good Night. Amen.



The first of the season  
 was on the 1st of May  
 when the wind was from the  
 south and the weather was  
 very warm. The water was  
 very calm and the fish  
 were very fat.

The second of the season  
 was on the 10th of May  
 when the wind was from the  
 north and the weather was  
 very cold. The water was  
 very rough and the fish  
 were very thin.

The third of the season  
 was on the 20th of May  
 when the wind was from the  
 east and the weather was  
 very warm. The water was  
 very calm and the fish  
 were very fat.

The fourth of the season  
 was on the 30th of May  
 when the wind was from the  
 south and the weather was  
 very warm. The water was  
 very calm and the fish  
 were very fat.

The fifth of the season  
 was on the 10th of June  
 when the wind was from the  
 north and the weather was  
 very cold. The water was  
 very rough and the fish  
 were very thin.

The sixth of the season  
 was on the 20th of June  
 when the wind was from the  
 east and the weather was  
 very warm. The water was  
 very calm and the fish  
 were very fat.

The seventh of the season  
 was on the 30th of June  
 when the wind was from the  
 south and the weather was  
 very warm. The water was  
 very calm and the fish  
 were very fat.

The eighth of the season  
 was on the 10th of July  
 when the wind was from the  
 north and the weather was  
 very cold. The water was  
 very rough and the fish  
 were very thin.

The ninth of the season  
 was on the 20th of July  
 when the wind was from the  
 east and the weather was  
 very warm. The water was  
 very calm and the fish  
 were very fat.

The tenth of the season  
 was on the 30th of July  
 when the wind was from the  
 south and the weather was  
 very warm. The water was  
 very calm and the fish  
 were very fat.

The eleventh of the season  
 was on the 10th of August  
 when the wind was from the  
 north and the weather was  
 very cold. The water was  
 very rough and the fish  
 were very thin.

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Mrs. Turner called, they were all present, and of whom I have received much information.

Friends in the ministry have been very much interested in the cause of the oppressed, and have expressed much sympathy with them in their present precarious circumstances.

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... their appointment

... read in this meeting and ... the ... of ... During the consideration ... in the which we were ... made to ...

... the 11<sup>th</sup> ...

... the 11<sup>th</sup> the meeting again ... according to adjournment -

... the request from ... and ... made the following report ...

... the ... and ... the ... of ...

... Secretary ...  
... 1854





Some interesting matters regarding that Church united with  
 some other churches in the appointment of Amanda Mc  
 Hader and Mary Jennings to the station of Elder and  
 in acknowledging the gift and approving the public  
 ministry of Elders E. Perkins and that "worthier"  
 a minister of the same no. Hester and A. M. H. H.  
 with certificates Mrs. E. H. H.











The representatives are present except 21

Sept. 6, 1895



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At the Year's Meeting on Ministry and Praise  
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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for  
New England on Ministry and Oversight held  
at Portland Maine 6<sup>th</sup> Mo. 13<sup>th</sup> 1884.

By accounts received from the  
several Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Over-  
sight it appears that the representatives to this  
meeting are as follows viz:—

For Rhode Island

Eliza Jane Collins  
Phoebe R. Gifford  
Sarah J. Hanson  
Samuel R. Buffindra  
Esther Chace  
Robert P. Gifford

Benjamin F. Fowler  
Catharine Green  
Phoebe S. Sydelotte  
Obediah Chace  
Louisa N. Menden

For Salem

Joseph Cartland  
Owen Dams  
Deborah H. Crossman  
Lydia C. Keel  
Elizabeth J. Larkin  
Wm. P. Hawks Jr.

Wm. O. Newhall  
Gustave W. Cartland  
Phoebe F. Burdon  
Peter M. Keel  
Wm. Pickham  
Charles E. Peaslee

For Sandwich

George Howland Jr.  
David Kelley  
Benjamin H. Kirby  
Abbridge G. Chace

Rachel S. Howland  
Anna G. Wood  
Charles G. Chace  
Elizabeth C. Wign

For Falmouth

Cyrus Cartland  
Elijah Cook  
Wm. P. Jones  
Lucy C. Howland

Reuben J. Jones  
Augustus F. Cook  
Emma M. Smith  
Lydia M. Cook

For Smithfield

Isaac Steer  
Richard Batley  
Susan A. Gifford  
Selma C. Wheeler

Ann Mearns  
Fossil Wheeler  
Mary A. Batley  
Susan L. Wheeler



For Fessenden

Alfred H. Jones  
Alice Jones  
James H. Jones  
Grace Jones  
Mary C. Jones  
Mary R. Jones  
Elizabeth E. Jones

Wm. F. Cates  
Jedediah J. Tenney  
Eliza S. Pierce  
Josiah Philbrook  
Mary E. Philbrook  
Wm. H. Jones  
Elta S. Cates

For Dover

Wm. R. Tuttle  
Alice C. Tuttle  
Lysie M. C. Tuttle

Samuel Buffum  
Lydia E. Buffum  
Mary Jones

For Fairfield

Levi Jones  
Moses Briggs  
Emeline C. Myers  
Emma S. Briggs

Joseph E. Briggs  
Caroline M. Briggs  
Hannah J. Bail  
Mary C. Hawks

For Cornsfield

Abies H. Cartland  
John B. Cartland  
Emmie S. Cartland

Russel Hoag  
Lydia A. Cartland  
Elizabeth H. Cook

Those names have called they were  
all present except 13 for the absence  
of 9 of whom sufficient reasons are  
given

We have acceptably in attendance  
of this meeting beloved friends in the  
Ministry from other Yearly Meetings -  
They have produced Relief along  
with them from their respective  
meetings expressing much interest with  
them as ministers and with their  
present religious engagements viz:-  
Henry Stanley Newman London, Y. Meeting

Samuel F. Stevens  
Mary G. Underhill  
Hannah T. Pratt

} New York, Y. Meeting

William M. Howard - Canada Y. Meeting

Daniel Hill - Ind. Y. Meeting

Amos<sup>m</sup> Kenworthy - Western Y. Meeting

John Tye - Iowa Y. Meeting

Jesse<sup>m</sup> Wellmore - Kansas Y. Meeting

We have also acceptably with us at this time our dear friend Abby<sup>m</sup> Tye an elder and companion & her husband John Tye with a satisfactory certificate from her respective meeting.

Robert P. Gifford, Rebecca Anthony, Benjamin F. Knowles, Isaac Steen, M. A. Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, Lydia M. Pope and Owen Darn are appointed to prepare a Summary from the answers to the Queries and present them at our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon the meeting again assembled.

Joseph Cartland on behalf of the Representatives informed the meeting that they have conferred together and are united in proposing Alfred H. Jones for Clerk and Elizabeth A. Carlin for Assistant Clerk for one year. <sup>as requested</sup> We have at this time the acceptable company of Mary J. H. Chappell with a satisfactory certificate from Westfield W. Meeting, State of Indiana.



The Committee of before mentioned  
answers to the Quins have attended to their  
appointment.

The Quins have been read at their time  
with the following answers from the  
General Society Meetings and Quins and  
Society.

First General Council has been  
given under the sanction of the Quins  
of the body has been under consideration  
and believing that a further careful ex-  
amination of our deficiencies and  
needs would be profitable to us the subject  
is postponed that it may draw our  
further attention.

Adjourned to meet again on 7 day  
Monday at 8 o'clock

Second day meeting to be 5<sup>th</sup>  
The meeting has been adjourned -

The Representatives are present  
at 8 o'clock -

The following editorial infor-  
mation received from the Quins of the body  
meeting has been read and is directed  
to be spread upon our records.

When we note on the one hand the  
death of a generation of our dear friends  
we are made thankful for the bringing  
in of many to the work of the ministry  
and citizenship and are reminded of  
the words inscribed over the Quins  
of the Quins "God gives us workmen and  
carries on his work"

So the General Meeting on 11th November and  
Quins - The following changes have re-  
sulted during the past year as reported  
in their report of the meeting 31st -  
The General Quins Meeting report

Salem Convention reports that it has met  
with Salem Soc. Meeting in acknowledging its  
past and approving the justice & wisdom  
of Church & F. H. Garrison, with Secretary's  
action in the appointment of Peter L. Smith  
Abraham A. Lee, Sarah S. Hill, George C. Hayfield  
and Alice Moulton field to the Station of Secy.

Jonathan Boyce an Elder and member of the  
Ch. Cong. died Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 1889 aged 87 years  
5 mos. and 10 days. His wife a sister  
from England, and his become a member  
of the same Ch. Cong. by certificate. Hannah  
B. Boyce a minister and member of the  
Ch. Cong. died Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 1889 aged 72  
years 11 mos. and 25 days. Her husband  
an Elder and member of the same Ch.  
Cong. died Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 1887 aged 82 years  
4 mos. and 7 days.

Sandwich & collecting report - that in the  
connected with Goddard's collection in the  
appointment by Alexander H. Bingham to  
the station of Elder and with New Bedford  
his dissection in the appointment of John  
B. Bayliss to the same station.









and when we have the spirit of Christ  
to word to others will be reasonable and the  
Trail, the weak and the weak will receive  
encouragement. Let us have a happy  
land and let us have sympathy to all, even  
as our blessed Master represented will  
they get the need of it. It is a truth that  
there is a lack of love and unity  
there is a corresponding lack in publishing  
the Gospel. Love is the power to service  
and to do the right work. The love  
of God sets both ways. The heart in  
which this divine principle dwells loves  
rightly, firmly, and tells love all whom  
we love. The standard Jesus sets up  
is to love our enemies.

There may ask "How shall I work?"  
The answer is to work and love him. Then shall  
I work in the place that is nearest home.  
God's word to Moses was what is that in  
Thine hand. You are insignificant and a  
thing as a child but you can be made  
an instrument of power by God.

All will acknowledge that the church  
has spiritual power to be exercised under  
the direction of the Holy Spirit but does it  
regularly in mission.

All those who have a gift of service  
to be used for God for the spiritual world. To  
use men liberally as he will and then  
he gives grace according to the measure of  
the gift of Christ. He must seek to over-  
come his inability and be facilitated to serve passion  
and order. We have no right to set a value  
upon a man. We think of the gift as  
great or small. Those members of the  
body which seem to be more public are  
valued. But the church has been  
too slow in recognizing the various gifts  
or that of, not use of preaching is but  
one narrow channel which we are encouraged  
to use. The Lord Jesus loves

"I hope and I expect to see you at the  
 office from the 1st of June onwards. The  
 day, week, month, year, and century of  
 our life together will be a good one."

Let us begin with a much longer and  
 to the work of God with our temporal business  
 in work must be first and cannot have  
 our best home. Let us go to our meeting place  
 in confidence, trusting the Lord of the Church  
 will do it.

Adjourned to meet again at 10 o'clock on  
 2<sup>nd</sup> day morning

Second day morning the meeting  
 again assembled.

The following are the names of the  
 members and workers for the England  
 Association as reported by our several  
 Visiting Ministers. Viz. -

| Name              |     | W   | M   | T |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|
| <u>Abraham</u>    | 22  | 30  | 18  |   |
| <u>John</u>       | 11  | 26  | 14  |   |
| <u>John W. M.</u> | 10  | 20  | 11  |   |
| <u>James</u>      | 15  | 20  | 7   |   |
| <u>Wm. Field</u>  | 4   | 28  | 15  |   |
| <u>Wm. Jones</u>  | 12  | 30  | 21  |   |
| <u>John</u>       | 4   | 25  | 10  |   |
| <u>Wm. Field</u>  | 12  | 30  | 6   |   |
| <u>James</u>      | 6   | 11  | 3   |   |
| <u>Total</u>      | 117 | 251 | 190 |   |
| The membership    |     | 500 |     |   |

Especially acknowledged by the meeting were  
 seventy Father in overshadowing us with His  
 presence. As we have gathered from various  
 positions in the intervals of the month in  
 which we have been permitted to transact our  
 business in the fullest manner we now conclude  
 for this time again at the appointed time next  
 year of the Lord's service. signed by one, etc.



At the first meeting of Friends for New  
England in Boston and Norwich held at  
Newport R.I. 6<sup>th</sup> Mo. 12<sup>th</sup> 1890.

By the accounts received from the several  
Quarterly Meetings in New England and Norwich  
it appears that the contributions to this  
meeting are as follows viz:-

For New York

|                  |                    |
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| William C. Brown | Maria Jane Collins |
| John C. Brown    | Frank E. Collins   |
| Robert C. Brown  | Anna C. Collins    |
| Isaac C. Brown   | Frederick Collins  |
| Stephen C. Brown | William Collins    |
| Thomas C. Brown  |                    |

For Boston

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Frederick C. Brown | Mary Jane Collins |
| John C. Brown      | Frank E. Collins  |
| Samuel C. Brown    | Anna C. Collins   |
| Oliver C. Brown    | Frederick Collins |
| William C. Brown   | William Collins   |
| Thomas C. Brown    |                   |

For Sandwich

|                    |                  |
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| John C. Brown      | David Collins    |
| Frederick C. Brown | Anna C. Collins  |
| Samuel C. Brown    | Frank E. Collins |
| Oliver C. Brown    | William Collins  |
| William C. Brown   | Thomas Collins   |
| Thomas C. Brown    |                  |

For Milwaukie

|                    |                  |
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| John C. Brown      | David Collins    |
| Frederick C. Brown | Anna C. Collins  |
| Samuel C. Brown    | Frank E. Collins |
| Oliver C. Brown    | William Collins  |
| William C. Brown   | Thomas Collins   |
| Thomas C. Brown    |                  |

For Smithfield

|                    |                  |
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| John C. Brown      | David Collins    |
| Frederick C. Brown | Anna C. Collins  |
| Samuel C. Brown    | Frank E. Collins |
| Oliver C. Brown    | William Collins  |
| William C. Brown   | Thomas Collins   |
| Thomas C. Brown    |                  |

John H. May  
James H. May

William C. May  
Mary A. May

For the Lord

Calvin H. May  
Alfred H. May  
Helen H. May  
Eugene H. May  
James H. May

John H. May  
Mary A. May  
Eugene H. May  
James H. May

For the Lord

John H. May  
Mary A. May  
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For the Lord

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Mary A. May  
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John H. May  
Mary A. May

When names being called they  
were present except two for the ex-  
treme of a year religious training  
was given.

We have succeeded in obtaining  
the names of the persons in the  
vicinity of the city.

The last names of religious training  
from their religious training  
unity with them in religious and with  
their present religious engagement.

John and Sarah H. May  
John H. May  
Mary A. May  
Eugene H. May  
James H. May  
John H. May  
Mary A. May  
Eugene H. May  
James H. May





the large number of persons who have been  
present at the interesting services of this week and for  
the large amount of contributions.

The following is a list of persons who have  
contributed to the fund for the purchase of a new  
appliance.

The Committee have been very successful in their  
efforts to raise the necessary amount for the  
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appliance.

In the removal of so many of our dear  
friends from the Church and the Church  
of the Holy Spirit, we are ready to  
see in the Lord's help for the Godly man  
and the faithful soul from among the  
children of men.

To the Holy Spirit, we are ready to  
see in the Lord's help for the Godly man  
and the faithful soul from among the  
children of men.

The following is a list of persons who have  
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appliance.



"on Ministry and Oversight. Mary Alice Sperry &  
a committee on the subject of the Ministry. Monthly  
meeting held 5 mo. 6 1887 in the 48<sup>th</sup> year of  
her age; Joseph H. Sperry was then with her and  
the same meeting held 4 mo 21 1890 in the  
49<sup>th</sup> year of her age; when C. L. Sperry, in Edu-  
cational member of the same with little meeting,  
died 4 mo. 13 1890 in the 70<sup>th</sup> year of his age;  
David Brigham in place and member  
of the same meeting died 4 mo 27 1890,  
in the 48<sup>th</sup> year of his age; Charles S. Sperry  
a member of the same and minister of the same  
died 6 mo. 27 1890 in the  
61<sup>st</sup> year of his age.

And now the meeting reports that it has  
received with satisfaction the report in the  
"appointments of the year" and  
"Vision" that to the extent of the  
the same has been in the support-  
ment of the same and the members of the  
"the same" and the same, and with  
Brother H. Sperry in the appointments  
"I have to say and the same" and the  
the same of the same and the same and  
the same in the same and the same.

Alvin Tracy, a member of the same  
and the same died 5 mo 25 1890 aged 78  
years and 5 months; James H. Sperry  
a member of the same and the same  
died 8 mo 28 1890 aged 73 years.

And now the meeting reports that  
Joseph H. Sperry, a member of the same  
and the same died 17 mo 17 1890 aged 77  
years and 8 months; Josiah H. Sperry, a  
member and member of the same and the same  
died 2 mo 24 1890, aged 77 years  
and 3 months; that it has united with  
Sandwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging  
the gift and offers in the public ministry  
of the same; that Joseph H. Sperry was  
a member of the same and the same  
Monthly Meeting in place of Josiah H. Sperry.







|                                 |     |     |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Emerson (Country Meeting)       | 38  | 38  | 38  |
| Agassiz                         | 11  | 36  | 37  |
| Lincoln                         | 14  | 36  | 37  |
| Hawthorne                       | 24  | 36  | 37  |
| Chapman                         | 10  | 37  | 37  |
| Wadsworth                       | 18  | 38  | 38  |
| Wheat                           | 7   | 15  | 7   |
| Wheeler                         | 14  | 37  | 37  |
| Wheeler                         | 6   | 10  | 13  |
| Total                           | 121 | 245 | 223 |
| Total Membership of the Society | 587 |     |     |

The condition of the church is bright & new, the services to the Society are of the highest order, and our attention and energy are well maintained.

The church is situated in the town of Wrentham, and is the center of the spiritual life of the State. It is the center of the spiritual life of the State.

Ans. 1. Our members are generally engaged in the various kinds of meetings for worship and edification, and encourage the attendance of their families. Our Country Meetings before us are of the highest order of excellence.

Ans. 2. With few exceptions, we are in unity with our brethren and with the Meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring together in a common cause.

Ans. 3. We believe our members are frequently engaged in the various kinds of meetings for worship and edification, and encourage the attendance of their families. Our Country Meetings before us are of the highest order of excellence.

Ans. 4. The church is situated in the town of Wrentham, and is the center of the spiritual life of the State. It is the center of the spiritual life of the State.

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and the most extraordinary help. The present is an  
opportunity. We must have found Christ when we  
ought to have found him. We declare the whole success  
of God's education is determined for this. Though  
exceedingly helpful, there is still the sense of something  
being given; so helpful that the church has whole  
substitutions in preparing for official service  
especially in the more original and practical study of  
the Holy Scripture, but the people are not decided  
between God and man. They are the enemy of  
God. The power of Christ working in us through us.  
Ministers are servants of the church and not of  
it. In representations of the church they have no more right  
to misrepresent its doctrine. It is the duty of the  
church to provide for the preaching of the gospel  
in every meeting, and the proper instruction  
of the membership in the principles of Christ.  
We are to be in the ministry from  
any other motive than the Divine call. And if  
we have this we are sure Christ will be with us  
for ever.

Once more are we all thankful to ac-  
knowledge the living kindness of the Lord in our  
meeting with his presence while we have  
been together in the interest of the church and  
have been spared to discuss the business  
of our meeting with attention in such a spirit  
we now conclude proposing to meet again  
at the appointed time next year if the  
Lord permits.

Wm. L. Vance, Secy.



At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New  
England on Ministry and Oversight held at  
Portland Maine 6<sup>th</sup> Mo. 11<sup>th</sup> 1891.

Accounts received from the several  
Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight  
it appears that the representatives to this meeting  
are as follows viz:-

For Rhode Island

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Obediah Child      | Charles H. Cook  |
| Henry C. Fidelity  | Daniel Meaden    |
| Amos A. Fidelity   | Stephen Green    |
| John R. Fidelity   | John T. Fidelity |
| Ernest A. Cook     | John T. Fidelity |
| Robert B. Fidelity | Ernest A. Meaden |
| John Fidelity      |                  |

For Salem

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| John C. Fidelity    | Stephen A. Portland |
| John C. Portland    | Ernest A. Meaden    |
| John H. Fidelity    | John T. Fidelity    |
| Robert C. Fidelity  | John T. Fidelity    |
| Charles H. Fidelity | Daniel C. Fidelity  |

For Sandwich

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Edward J. Fidelity | Gideon Cook         |
| John Fidelity      | Rebecca D. Fidelity |
| John Fidelity      | John T. Fidelity    |
| Reuben J. Fidelity | Mary E. Fidelity    |
| Thomas J. Fidelity |                     |

For Halmouth

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| John J. Fidelity    | Reuben J. Jones   |
| Stephen J. Fidelity | John T. Fidelity  |
| Ernest H. Fidelity  | John T. Fidelity  |
| Esther Jones        | Susan B. Fidelity |

For Northfield

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Richard Betton     | Stephen Portland |
| Ernest A. Fidelity | Ernest A. Meaden |
| John T. Fidelity   | John T. Fidelity |
| John T. Fidelity   | John T. Fidelity |
| Susan E            |                  |

For Cassabona

Alfred H. Jones  
John H. Bates  
Henry R. Jones  
Hannah L. Jenkins  
Eliza L. Jones

John H. Jones  
Mary E. Jones  
Isaac Jones  
Ella L. Bates  
Elizabeth L. Jones

For Dover

John H. Osborne  
Timothy B. Hussey  
Anna M. Hussey

George Irving Jones  
Cydia L. Sawyer  
Emeline H. Tuttle

For Fairfield

Joseph E. Briggs  
Isaac McPherson  
Hannah L. Bailey  
Viggin L. Sawyer

Levi Jones  
Isaac Hinckley  
Mary G. Hinckley  
Henry Hinckley

For Portsmouth

Reuben Hoag  
John B. Cartland  
Emerson D. Cartland  
Silas H. Cartland

James Cartland  
Phoebe C. Dyer  
Mary Cartland  
Cydia A. Cartland

Those names being called they were all present 24 Sept 15 - for the absence of 7 of whom satisfactory reasons were given.

We have acceptably in attendance of this meeting beloved friends in the ministry from other Yearly Meetings. They have produced satisfactory certificates from their respective meetings expressing unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements &c.

Edward G. Wood  
David E. Sampson  
John G. Hooper  
Mary G. Hooper  
Pliny Joyce  
Cecilia M. Pickard  
Eben. Russell

New York Yearly Meeting  
N. Carolina " "  
Iowa " "  
Boston " "  
Massachusetts " "



We have also acceptably with us at this time  
our friends Emma Simpson an Elder and  
companion to her husband David E. Simpson.  
Mary C. Frye companion to her husband Eliza  
Frye with satisfactory certificates from  
their respective meetings.

Joseph E. Briggs Joseph H. Strater  
Charles H. Eade Russel Hoar  
Ruth L. Murray Susan Peckham  
Susan H. Meader and Eliza J. Jones are  
appointed to prepare a summary  
from the answers to the Queries and present  
the same at our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this  
afternoon.

Afternoon the meeting again assembled.

Leah Chase on behalf of the Representatives  
informed the meeting that they had conferred  
together and were united in proposing Alfred  
H. Jones for Clerk and Susan Peckham  
for Assistant Clerk. These nominations  
being approved by the meeting they are ap-  
pointed to those services respectively for  
one year.

The Committee to prepare summary  
answers to the Queries have attended to their  
appointment.

The Queries have been read at this time  
with their respective answers from the several  
Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Discipleship.

The further consideration of this subject  
is continued to a future sitting.

Adjourned to meet again on 7<sup>th</sup> day  
morning at 8 o'clock

Eleventh day morning 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 18<sup>th</sup> the meeting again assembled

The Representatives are present except 7.

We are informed through the Representatives of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight that that meeting is united in changing the time of holding said meeting from 11 o'clock A.M. to 2 o'clock P.M. in 18<sup>th</sup> month at Providence with which this meeting unites.

The Clerk is directed to lay this information before the Yearly Meeting.

The condition of the Church as brought to view by the answers to the Queries again claimed our attention and much pertinent counsel was given.

The Clerk is directed to lay the Summary answers to the Queries with a copy of the minutes taken on the state of Society before the Yearly Meeting.

#### Summary Answers.

Ans. 1<sup>st</sup> With little exception, we are diligent in attending all our Meetings, and careful to promote the attendance of our firmness.

Ans. 2<sup>d</sup> We are in unity one with another and with the Meetings to which we belong and are favored to harmonize in our Christian labors. With some exceptions noticed from two Meetings.

Ans. 3<sup>d</sup> Friends are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapprehend them.

#### Minute on the State of Society.

We have been reminded at this time that Christ is the vine and we are the branches, and that "He is our Father glorified that we bear much fruit". The vine bears the branch, but the branch bears the leaves and the fruit, and the nature of the fruit is in accordance



with the nature of the time in which the work  
exists. Into Christ the living vine we must  
be united and then like him we should go  
forth our Father's business. He should not let  
Christian friendship be so delightful as to interfere  
with the Master's work, but should remember  
that we are not men soon but one bread with  
a price and should therefore glorify God in  
our bodies and in our talents which are his  
letting our light so shine before men that others  
seeing our good works may glorify our Father.  
And in heaven. If we are harmoniously  
labouring together to gather into Christ we  
should have joyous hearts to serve.

The religion of the Lord will prevail even in  
our cities if we carry it as Paul carried it.  
We have no right to expect answers & pro-  
visions for the training work, as the Master tells  
us his purpose in getting glory through our  
work knowing is that our faith may be sincere that  
whatsoever we ask the Father in his name  
he may give it us. Power is promised us  
after that the Holy Ghost is come upon us.

We need the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The fruit of the Spirit in ourselves is love,  
joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, meekness,  
faith. If we have these things then will be  
of ourselves a great means of reaching out  
after others.

We all have a part in the work of God: some  
in one way and some in another; some minister  
publicly, others at home; some by word, others  
by the quiet example of a well ordered life.

We all have some pastoral work - some  
feeding of the flock to do. Our gifts are all  
supplied from the Master. Some he sends forth  
bearing "they have received freely give"  
but have also by his guidance stay at home  
in some form of service. It is greatly  
to be desired, that our subordinate stations or ministers  
should realize their position as places of service  
with greater faithfulness to the Lord's work.



Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock on 2<sup>d</sup> day  
morning next.

Second day morning at 10. 15<sup>th</sup> the meeting  
again assembled.

The following statistical information  
received from the clerk of the Young Men's Society has been  
read and is directed to be spread upon our records.

In the removal of so many of our dear friends  
from the activities of life the Church sustains a  
great loss but is comforted in the thought that  
they are gathered to their reward in heaven and  
that the Lord still carries forward his work.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united  
with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph  
Anthony and Mary Arnold to the station of Elders; with  
Wanskam Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and  
approving the public ministry of Sarah M. Davis; with  
Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ebenezer  
Mead, Thomas Chase and Thomas J. Butler to the station  
of Elders; and in the appointment of eleven associate  
members of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Benjamin L. Trumble an Elder and member of Providence  
Monthly Meeting died fifth month 18<sup>th</sup> 1890, aged 77 years  
7 months and 14 days; Edward H. Collins a minister and  
member of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting died 8<sup>th</sup> mo 6<sup>th</sup> 1890  
aged 64 years 3 mos and 18 days; Ruth Ann Collins  
an Elder and member of the same meeting died 12<sup>th</sup> mo  
15<sup>th</sup> 1890 aged 76 years, 6 mos and 3 days, and that  
of Kinton, Mid-Week Meeting has been discontinued.

Salmon Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united  
with Salmon Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift  
and approving the public ministry of Charles H. Wood  
& others, and with Boston Monthly Meeting in acknowl-  
edging the gift and approving the public ministry of  
William Henry Butler and in the appointment of  
nine associate members of the meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight. Soby H. Pratt an Elder and  
member of Salmon Mo. Meeting died 19<sup>th</sup> mo 31<sup>st</sup> 1890  
aged 84 years 1 mo and 7 days; Clement C. Harrison



2. Minister and Member of the same Meeting died  
1<sup>st</sup> Mo 7<sup>th</sup> 1891 aged 41 years 1 mo and 4 days  
John L. Loomis an Elder and Member of Auburn  
Meeting died 1<sup>st</sup> Mo 9<sup>th</sup> 1891 aged 87 years 2 mos.  
and 22 days. John Peck a Minister and  
Member of Leicester Meeting died 4<sup>th</sup> Mo 19<sup>th</sup> 1891  
aged 79 years 4 mos and 19 days and that Martha  
C. Wright a minister has been received by certificate  
from South Creek Monthly Meeting, Western N. York Meeting by action  
of Quarterly Meeting.

Andover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united  
with the Andover Monthly Meeting in acknowledging  
the gift and approving the public ministry of Susan  
C. Thompson and in the appointment of fifty  
three associate members of the meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight. Arnold Gifford an Elder and  
Member of Andover Monthly Meeting died 7<sup>th</sup> Mo 3<sup>rd</sup>  
1891 aged 88 years 1 mo and 22 days. Joseph  
K. Rice an Elder and member of the same meeting  
died 12<sup>th</sup> Mo 1891 aged 72 years, 1 mo, 13 days  
Elizabeth Wood a Minister and Member of the same  
Meeting died 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo 7<sup>th</sup> 1891 aged 98 years and 6 mos.  
Charles F. Moore an Elder and member of the same  
meeting died 5<sup>th</sup> Mo 11<sup>th</sup> 1891 aged 75 years 3 mos 11 days

Belmont Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united  
in the appointment of 6 associate members of the  
meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Augustus F. Cole  
an Elder and member of Belmont Monthly Meeting died  
1<sup>st</sup> Mo 9<sup>th</sup> 1891 aged 67 years.

Northfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Henry  
H. Russell an Elder and member of Bolton Monthly  
Meeting died 1<sup>st</sup> Mo 18<sup>th</sup> 1891 aged 89 years 5 mos.  
and 22 days. That it has united with the Northfield Mo.  
Meeting in the appointment of Deborah <sup>Thompson</sup> ~~Thompson~~ to  
the station of Elder and in the appointment of  
7 associate members of the meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight that the time of holding  
the next held held week meeting has been changed  
to 3<sup>rd</sup> Mo 1<sup>st</sup> Mo.

Wiscasset Quarterly Meeting reports that it has  
united with the same Meeting in acknowledging  
the gift and approving the public ministry of

"Elder M. W. W. that it has united with the Association  
 in the appointment of 8 Elders, viz. 1st  
 Elder, Henry W. W. and Sarah A. W. to the  
 station of Elder and with Union Meeting in the  
 appointment of Abner P. W. to the same station.  
 Lydia Sheppard a minister and member of Union  
 Meeting died 11<sup>th</sup> Mo. 18<sup>th</sup> 1870 aged 91 years 3 mos  
 and 1 day; John C. W. an Elder and member  
 of Union Meeting died 1<sup>st</sup> Mo. 6<sup>th</sup> 1870 aged 63  
 years 7 mos and 28 days; Lucy W. a minister  
 and member of Passabook Meeting has been  
 released from membership at her own request.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with the  
 Dover Meeting in the appointment of Lydia E. W. as  
 and 1st W. to the station of Elder and in the  
 appointment of two associate members of the meeting in  
 Ministry and Oversight.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that George W. W.  
 a minister and member of Union Meeting died  
 7<sup>th</sup> Mo. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1870 aged 82 years 11 mos and 18 days;  
 Arnold B. W. a member of the same meeting  
 has been released from the station of Elder at his own  
 request; George W. W. a minister and member  
 of Union Meeting died 12<sup>th</sup> Mo. 25<sup>th</sup> 1870 aged  
 4 years and 7 mos; That it has united in the  
 appointment of 23 associate members of the  
 meeting in Ministry and Oversight.

The following constitute the Meeting in Ministry and  
 Oversight as reported by our several Quarterly Meetings viz. —

|                              | Minister | Elder | Associate<br>Members | Total |
|------------------------------|----------|-------|----------------------|-------|
| Rhode Island 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 22       | 35    | 43                   | 100   |
| Salmon                       | 13       | 33    | 21                   | 67    |
| Andover                      | 14       | 17    | 35                   | 66    |
| Wilmington                   | 18       | 29    | 17                   | 64    |
| Smithfield                   | 10       | 28    | 13                   | 51    |
| Passabook                    | 14       | 28    | 9                    | 52    |
| Dover                        | 7        | 27    | 11                   | 45    |
| Fairfield                    | 10       | 35    | 22                   | 67    |
| Barnstable                   | 6        | 10    | 20                   | 36    |
| Total                        | 117      | 242   | 157                  | 516   |



Having been favored to pursue the business  
concerning our attention in Christian love and  
kindness we now conclude with thankful  
recognition to our Father in Heaven for the  
presence of the Divine Spirit, promising it  
will again be the appointed time, each  
year of the Lord's presence.

Wm. H. Jones Clerk

Ministry  
and Oversight - for New England held at Newport  
R. I. 6th mo. 9th 1892.

By reports received from the various Quarterly  
Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, it appears  
that the Representatives to the General Assembly are  
as follows, viz.

For Rhode Island, Joseph M. Alwater,  
Robert P. Tifford, Phoebe R. Tifford,  
R. Buffinton, Sarah J. Harrison, Susan Peckham,  
Catherine Green, Anna A. Gould, Mary Arnold,  
Jane Collins, Thomas Chase, and  
Daniel Meader.

For Salem, Wm O. Newhall, Moses Huntington,  
Mary Alice Brown, Joseph Cartland,  
W. Maxfield, Susan H. Meader, Ezra Hawkes,  
Olney T. Meader, Martha C. Joseph, Tertude  
W. Cartland, and E. C. Maxfield.

For Sandwich, Edward G. Dillingham,  
John B. Bayliss, David Kelley, Machiel J.  
Howland, Esther H. Macomber, William C. Macomber,  
George C. Atkins, Susan  
L. Hoyie, and Joseph Fisk.

For Falmouth, William D. Pinkham, George  
H. Farr, Lucy R. Goddard, John J. Frye,  
Myra E. Frye, and S. Jane Cox.

For Smithfield, Isaac Sture, Richard Balley,  
Abis B. Sture, Susan E. Wheeler, Salome B.  
Wheeler, John Metcalf, Mary A. Balley, and  
David B. Wheeler.

For Uxbridge, Alfred H. Jones, William A.  
Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, Frank E. Jones, Mary C.  
Jones, Elizabeth K. Jones.

For Dover, Samuel Buffum, William P.  
Tuttle, Anna M. Hickey, and Emeline Smith.

For Fairfield, Isaac Winslow, David J. Douglas,  
Joseph E. Briggs, Mary C. Hawkes, Jessi McPherson,  
Lizzie M. Hawkes, and Martha B. Osborne.



For Persimfield.

Elizabeth A. Cobb, John B. Carlland, Eunice  
H. Carlland.

Those names being called they were all present  
except of the absence of one of whom  
satisfactory reasons were given.

We have acceptably in attendance of this  
meeting beloved Friends in the ministry from other  
yearly meetings, they have produced satisfactory  
certificates from their respective meetings  
expressing unity with them as ministers, and  
with their religious engagements. viz.  
George Trubb of Dublin Yearly Meeting Ireland.

Lucas J. Stevens }  
Harry A. Bates } from New York Yearly Meeting.  
Fernando G. Carlland }  
David J. Samson from North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

William G. Johnson from Western " "  
John Carey from Indiana Yearly Meeting.

George W. Hartley }  
William B. Pearson } from Iowa Yearly Meeting.  
John F. Hanson }  
Alice Hanson }

We have also acceptably with us at this  
time our friend Emma Samson, an Elder and  
companion to her husband, David J. Samson.  
and also Mr. Carey companion to his father John  
Carey. Clerk M. Leland and Elder and his  
wife Esther P. Leland with satisfactory  
certificates from their respective meetings.

William and Elizabeth Joseph H. Johnston,  
Samuel Gifford, Jesse McPherson, P. A. Thirlon,  
Lucy A. Goddard, and Mary Alice Brown, are appointed to prepare a summary of  
resolutions to the Quakers and present it at  
our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this  
afternoon.

Afternoon the meeting again assembled.

Robert P. Gifford on behalf of the Rep-  
resentatives informed the meeting that they  
had conferred together and were united in  
proposing Rufus M. Jones for Clerk and  
Susan Peck Sage for assistant clerk, which  
nominations being approved by the meeting  
they are appointed to those services respect-  
ively for one year.

Our dear friends William and Susan T.  
Thompson returned at this time. The certificate  
granted them in 6th mo. 1887 by this meeting  
for religious labor in England, Ireland,  
on the Continent of Europe and in Syria,  
with satisfactory returning minutes from  
London Yearly Meeting on 11th mo. and Oversight  
held in London, the 15th of 1st mo. 1892, and  
the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held  
in Dublin, Ireland, 5th mo. 1891.

They also gave an interesting account of  
their travels and labors in Ireland, England,  
Denmark, Germany, France, and Palestine,  
especially among the scattered families of  
Friends in these distant lands.

It is a source of gratitude to our Father  
in Heaven that our dear friends have been  
preserved in the enjoyment of the blessing  
of health and favored to perform this  
extensive labor of love for the Lord and  
their fellow Quakers.



The Committee to prepare summary answers  
to the queries have attended to their appointment.

The queries have been read at this time  
with their respective answers from the several  
Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and oversight.  
The further consideration of the subject  
is continued to a future sitting.

Adjourned to meet, again at 9 o'clock  
on 7th day morning.

Seventh day morning 6th mo. 11th the meeting  
again assembled.

The condition of the Church as brought  
out by the answers of the queries again  
claimed our attention and much edifying  
counsel was given.

The following statistical information  
received from the clerk of the Yearly  
Meeting has been read and is directed  
to be spread on our records.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports  
that it has united with Rhode Island  
Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift  
and approving the public ministry of  
John S. Kimball.

Abraham R. Knowles an Elder and member  
of Greenwich Monthly Meeting died 6th mo 8th, 1790  
aged 52 years 9 mos. and 15 days.

William Jacob, a minister and member of  
Rhode Island Monthly Meeting died 12th mo,  
31st 1791. aged 63 years and 14 days.

Thomas Starkness an Elder and member of  
Providence Monthly Meeting died 2nd mo 12th  
1792 aged 92 years 10 mos and 10 days.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in appointing Sylvia A. Manning and Martha C. Johnson to the station of Elder and that it has appointed five Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Sydney P. Chase an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting died 8th mo. 25 1891 aged 84 years 8 months and 11 days.

Oliver Andrews an Elder and member of Boston Monthly Meeting died 4th mo. 4th 1892 aged 67 years and 17 days.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that George Howland Jr. an Elder and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting died 2nd mo. 18. 1892 aged 55 years 3 months and 29 days.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in appointing Emma C. Piskham, John J. Frye and Myra E. Frye to the station of Elder and with Durham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William P. Davis and Josiah Holder to the same station.

Lysan B. Sissons a minister and member of the same meeting has removed to reside in the limits of Dorset yearly Meeting.

Experience Goddard an Elder and member of the same meeting died 12th mo. 19th 1891 aged 78 years 3 months and 4 days.

It has united with Wingham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles A. Nichols, Ellen C. Nichols, L. Maria Jones, and Elizabeth H. Cook to the station of Elder.

Charles J. Strout, a minister and member of the same meeting has removed out of the limits of the yearly Meeting.

Ether Nichols an Elder and member of the same meeting died 1st mo. 6th 1892 aged 2 years 10 days.



This meeting has granted a Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in Falmouth Monthly Meeting to be held at Portland Me. at 2 P.M. on Fourth day before the third fifth day in the 1st, 5th and 10th months, and on Third day before the third fifth day in the 8th month, and that Windham Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight be held at 2 P.M. on the third fifth day in the 1st, 5th and 8th and 10th months at Windham.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that George S. Southwick, an Elder and Member of Newbridge Monthly Meeting died 1st mo. 18th 1892 aged 79 years and 30 days. Reuben A. Wheeler, an Elder and member of Bolton Mo Meeting died 9th mo. 14th 1895 aged 68 years 3 months and 23 days. David Babcock an Elder and member of the same meeting died 12th mo 4th 1891 aged 70 years 7 months and 21 days.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that Charles Osborne, an Elder and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting died 4th mo 19th 1892 aged 72 years.

This meeting has united with Unity Mo. Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of George M. Jones with China Mo. Meeting in appointing John Jones, Lydia R. Jones, Mary Gould and with Vassalboro Mo meeting in appointing Sylvia Scott to the station of Elder.

At a quarterly Meeting reports that it has added two <sup>associate</sup> members to the meeting on Ministry and Oversight. The time for holding the 2d Mtg on Ministry and Oversight has been changed from 3 1/2 o'clock to 2 1/2 same day. Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has appointed two associate members of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight.



Sarah M. Richardson, an Elder and member  
of Sidney Monthly Meeting died 5th mo 15th  
1871 aged 73 years 8 months and 1 day.  
Mary Sanford, an Elder and member of  
Winthrop mo. Meeting died 1st mo 12th 1872  
aged 85 years 8 months and 21 days.  
Lavinia M. Briggs an Elder and member of  
the same meeting died 1st mo 24th 1872  
aged 68 years 8 mos. and 5 days.

Adjourned to meet again at 8  
o'clock 2nd day morning.

Second day morning 6th month 13th  
the meeting again assembled.

"This meeting unites with R. I.  
Quarterly Meeting in asking the yearly  
Meeting that the second paragraph in  
Article near the bottom of Page 116 of  
the Book of Discipline be so changed  
as to read as follows.  
The other three are to be answered  
in writing to the Quarterly Meetings  
on Ministry and Oversight in the  
Spring, so that the yearly Meeting on  
Ministry and Oversight may receive  
a summary of the answers from  
each of its Quarterly Meetings."

This meeting unites <sup>in concluding</sup> that one session  
of the Meeting for Ministry and Over-  
sight next year be devoted to con-  
sidering the Pastoral Question.

The State of Society and the  
needs of the Church again claimed  
our attention and much important  
counsel was given.



Clerk is directed to lay the Summary of Answers to the Inquiries together with a copy of the minute taken on the state of Society, before the yearly Meeting.

### Summary of Answers to the Inquiries.

- 1<sup>st</sup>. With few exceptions our members are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline. Careful to promote the attendance of our families.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are in unity one with another, and with the meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring together in gathering unto Christ.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit; we are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

### Minute on the State of Society.

While we have been favored to be together in the unity of the Spirit a deep concern for the welfare of Zion has been apparent among us, and the blessing of our Heavenly Father was invoked for the salvation of souls and for the establishment of His Kingdom. "We are nothing, Christ is all" is the work of the Church in the saving of souls and building up of believers was testified to by witnesses, we felt to give God the glory and to bless Him for the privilege of sharing the joy that begins in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth; and we believe He is answering the fervent prayers of the Church for a revival of His work among us.

The contentious spirit has no place among us, but we are labouring in Christian love and forbearance in gathering unto Christ. With a full recognition of His Power and Presence as Master of Assemblies and Head of His Church, we believe we shall be able to declare "the unsearchable riches of Christ." And our labor is not in vain as "we permit the very God of Peace to sanctify us wholly." Success in the work of the Master can be assured only by abiding in Him. As we open our hearts to the great Searcher of Hearts, we find Him meeting our needs, affording us wisdom and grace and strength; and bringing us into those experiences which increase our power to preach the everlasting Gospel.

In much tenderness we were reminded that our Lord and Master wants us to do the best we can under the circumstances in which we are placed; that there are diversities of gifts, the exercise of which the Church stands in daily need; and that clothed in His righteousness and filled unto all the fulness of God we are to go forth, teaching all nations baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, comforted by the promise, "Lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Faithfulness in the Lord's service will bring comfort, joy and peace in all our subordinate meetings.

We are forcibly reminded that a great obligation rests upon our Society for the legacy which has come to us as an inheritance from those who won it through faith and sacrifice, and



while it is our primary aim to win  
 souls for Christ, it is of great importance  
 that our special mission in the world  
 be clearly kept in view, that we maintain  
 our testimony for spiritual worship, and  
 against formalism and ordinances,  
 against war and oaths.

The following constitutes the  
 Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

| K. I. Quarterly Meeting: |         |          |      | Associate |      | Total. |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|------|-----------|------|--------|
| Ministers.               | Elders. | Members. |      |           |      |        |
| "                        | "       | 21.      | 34.  | 25.       | 80.  |        |
| Salem                    | "       | 13.      | 34.  | 21.       | 68.  |        |
| Sandwich                 | "       | 14.      | 16.  | 51.       | 81.  |        |
| Walmouth                 | "       | 20.      | 24.  | 4.        | 48.  |        |
| Smithfield               | "       | 10.      | 25.  | 13.       | 48.  |        |
| Vassalboro.              | "       | 15.      | 39.  | 0.        | 54.  |        |
| Boon                     | "       | 7.       | 27.  | 13.       | 47.  |        |
| Fairfield                | "       | 9.       | 33.  | 26.       | 68.  |        |
| Personsfield             | "       | 6.       | 10.  | 18.       | 34.  |        |
| Total.                   |         | 115.     | 242. | 171.      | 528. |        |

Having been favored to transact the  
 business claiming our attention, in  
 Christian love and fellowship, we now  
 conclude, with gratitude to our Lord,  
 and Master for His Presence in our  
 sittings together, proposing to meeting at  
 the appointed time and place, if  
 the Lord permit.

Refus M. Jones Clerk  
 Susan Beckham act. Clerk.





41- The "early Meeting of Friends  
on Ministry and Oversight," for New-  
England held at Portland, Maine.  
6th Mo. 8th, 1893.

By accounts received from the several  
Quarterly Mtgs. for Ministry and Oversight.  
it appears that the Representatives to  
the meeting are as follows, viz.

1 For Rhode Island — Henry C. Aydelott.  
Susan Peckham, Cynthia J. Earle, Joseph  
H. Atwater, Robert B. Gifford, Adeline  
F. Chase, Sarah J. Hanson, Harriet M.  
Collins, Eunice, A. Green, Daniel Meader  
and Louisa M. Meader.

2 For Salem — Joseph Carland, Owen  
Kearse, Oliver V. Meader, Charles H. Thordike  
Gerrard M. Carland, Susan H. Meader  
Mary Mary Chase, and Sarah A. Hill.

3 For Sandwich — Maria Kelly, Joseph Ever  
Rebecca M. Emers, Thomas F. Whitson, Jane  
A. Fisher, Edwin M. Macomber, Rachel  
A. Howland, Susan V. Hoxie, Mary Hafford  
Mrs. Thompson, Edward G. Willingham, John  
J. Taylor, Edward G. Wood.

4 For Falmouth — Cyrus Carland, Henry  
J. Howell, John Nelson, Cyrus H. H.,  
Ruben T. Jones, Sarah M. Newlin, Lucy R.  
Willard, J. Jane Cox, Lucy J. Bout  
Lydia M. Pope, Elizabeth A. Douglass, and  
John J. Frye.

5 For Smithfield — Isaac Stearns, Richard  
Bulley, David B. Wheeler, Sarah J. Wheeler  
Mary A. Bulley, Deborah P. Asherton, Salome  
O. Wheeler, and Lydia A. Phelps.

6. For Cassatboro — Benjamin J. Barney,  
Alfred H. Jones, William H. Jones, James  
C. Pierce, Mary R. Jones, Samuel S. Jenkins,  
Peace Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, and also  
H. Cates.

7. For Dover — Timothy B. Hussey, William  
P. Lunt, Samuel Buffum, Lydia M. C. Lunt,  
Lidia E. Jenkins, and Anna M. Hussey.

8. For Fairfield — Joseph Winslow, Henry  
Winslow, Levi Jones, Martha B. Osborne,  
Lizzie H. Hanks, J. Warren Hanks,  
and David E. Briggs.

9. For Greenfield — Otis Meader, Silas  
A. Carland, John B. Carland, Joseph  
S. Kemick, Julia A. Kemick, and Melissa  
A. Carland.

When names being called they were  
all present except ten, for the  
absence of seven of whom satisfactory  
reasons were given.

The large acceptably in attendance of  
this meeting, beloved friends in the Ministry  
from other Yearly Meetings, they have  
produced satisfactory Pledges from  
their respective meetings, expressing unity  
with them as ministers, and with their  
peace & religious engagements, viz.

Isaac Sharp from Boston Yearly Mtg.  
Fernando Carland from New York Yearly Mtg.  
Miss R. Wilmore from Kansas Yearly Meeting.



The following Friends Robert A. Verford,  
Oliver T. Meader, Susan W. Voyie, Ezra  
Hamber, Richard P. Ashton, William A.  
Jones, Samuel Buffum, J. Warren Hambs,  
Silas H. Cartland, are appointed to  
prepare a summary from the answers  
to the Queries and present at our  
next sitting.  
We adjourned to meet at three o'clock  
this afternoon.

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Next day afternoon the meeting again assembled.  
Alfred H. Jones on behalf of the representatives  
informed the meeting that they had conferred  
together and were united in proposing  
Rufus H. Jones for Clerk and Susan  
Pickham for Assistant Clerk. The  
meeting uniting with these nominations  
they were appointed for the respective  
positions the ensuing year.

The Committee appointed to prepare a  
summary of answers to the Queries attended  
to this appointment. The Queries have  
been read at this time with their  
specification answered from the several  
Quarterly Meetings on Division and Praise,  
and the condition of the Church as  
brought out by these answers claimed  
our attention and much helpful counsel  
was given. The following are the summary  
answers.

Ans. 1<sup>st</sup>

With a few exceptions we are  
diligent in attending our meetings for  
worship and discipline, and careful to  
promote the attendance of our families.

Nov. 2nd. With some exceptions in a few meetings we are in unity with each other and with the brethren to which we belong harmoniously, having gathered in gathering unto Christ.

Nov. 3rd. We believe our members are frequently engaged in searching the scriptures prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and careful not to misquote or misapply them.

On behalf of the Committee  
Robert P. Dufford,  
Clerk.

Adjourned to meet again on 7th day morning.

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Second day morning the Meeting again adjourned.

The pastoral Question has been discussed during this sitting. Many thoughts have been expressed in a loving spirit, and an evident desire is in the hearts of all to reach the truth, and it is the sense of this meeting, that the consideration of the subject should be continued in a future sitting on 9th day morning at eight o'clock.

Adjourned to meet again at eight o'clock on Second day morning.

Third day morning the meeting again adjourned.

We have received the usual statistical information from the Yearly Mtg. The Report of the Meeting is circulated to keep the same on file for information.



Adjourned to meet at eight o'clock  
Thursday morning.

Third day morning the meeting again  
assembled.

We have at this time entered into  
a consideration of the Pastoral Question.  
It has called forth a full expression  
of thought, with a wide variety of  
opinion, but marked with an earnest  
desire, for the essential and permanent  
welfare and progress of our religious  
society under the leading of the Great  
Shepherd. It has clearly been brought  
before us that there is a need of  
greater pastoral care and work.  
Recognizing that it is the office of  
the Church as Christ's husbandry to be  
instrumental in the salvation of souls  
and in bringing them to a knowledge  
of the Son of God, comes a perfect  
man into the presence of the stature  
of the interest of Christ, it is the ruling  
of this meeting that there is need of  
greater personal responsibility on the  
part of our members and especially  
our Ministers, Elders and Deacons, for  
the full performance of the great work  
for which they have been called of  
the Lord and set apart by the Church.  
It is further the sense of the meeting  
that the cause and work are safe if  
those on whom the care should rest  
shall prove entirely faithful to this great  
charge, and they are enjoined to a  
complete submission to the Great Head  
of the Church, for loving and faithful  
service, in caring for the flock. ~~We~~  
~~feel that the time has not come for~~  
~~discouraging~~

As we are about to separate we  
reverently acknowledge the goodness and  
condescending mercy of our Lord in  
meeting with us in our various sittings  
under the influence of whose spirit we  
have been comforted and refreshed  
and through his grace we  
have been enabled to transact the  
business of the Church which has come  
before us in Christian love and  
harmony. We now adjourn proposing  
to meet again at the appointed  
place in the sixth month next  
year if the Lord permit.

Refus M. Jones, Clerk.



1894

At a Yearly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and oversight held at New England held at Newport R. I. 6th month 7th 1894

By accounts received from the various Yearly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight it appears that the Representatives are as follows viz:

From Rhode Island: Charles C. Varney, Robert P. Gifford, Harriet D. Collins, Phebe R. Gifford, Eliz. S. Newton, Ellen K. Buffum, and Samuel R. Buffington.

Salem: William O. Newhall, Owen Dame, Gulielmus C. Wood, Daniel C. Mayfield, Eliz. J. Larkin, Alice W. Mayfield, George H. Jones, Annie K. Knight and Martha C. Jepson.

~~Sandwich~~ Sandwich: Richard Battey, Saloma C. Wheeler, Sarah J. Wheeler, Mary A. Battey, John Metcalf, Abigail Wheeler, Isaac Steere, and Avis B. Steere.

Salmon: Reuben J. Jones, John J. Frye, Myra E. Frye, Lucy R. Goddard, Nathan Douglas, Sarah W. Newlin, Alice W. Hawkes, Esther Jones, and Charles M. Jones.

Sandwich: John B. Baylis, Stephen R. Tins, Arnold G. Tripp, George C. Atkin, Eliz. C. Wing, Rachel S. Howland, Mary C. Baylis, Susan F. Hoxie, Phebe B. Slocum.

Tasalsboro: William H. Cates, William A. Jones, Alfred H. Jones, James M. Estes, Eliza P. Pierse, Etta S. Cates, Eliz. H. Jones, Mary R. Jones, Geo. H. Pope and Isaac Jones.

Fairfield: Joseph E. Briggs, Jesse McPherson, Hannah J. Bailey, and Lizzie M. Hawkes.

Dover: John H. Osborne, Lydia E. Sawyer, Mercy Jemiss, Emerline H. Tuttle, George Estes, and Samuel Buffum.

Karsonsfield: John B. Portland, Eunice J. Portland, Otis Meader, Julia A. Kenick.



Whose names being called 58 were present  
and 16 absent.

We have acceptably with us in attendance  
at this meeting beloved friends in the ministry  
from other Yearly Meetings. They have pro-  
duced satisfactory certificates expressing  
unity with them as ministers and with  
their present religious engagements.

Franklin Meredith { Western Yearly Meeting  
Mary Moon Meredith {  
Laurella Pim Ohio Y. M.  
Fernando G. Cartland New York Y. M.

It is the sense of this meeting that the  
membership of this meeting may feel free  
to invite such friends to attend one session  
of this meeting as may be thereby helped  
in their Christian life and experience,  
and be a help to us by their presence,  
and it is directed that this information  
be brought before the yearly meeting.

Wm C. Macomber, H. C. Adyloott, Ezra Hawkes  
Sarah W. Newlin, Harriet D. Collins and  
Hannah P. Ladd are appointed to prepare  
a summary of answers to the queries.

This morning meeting has been overshadowed  
by the presence of the Lord. We have been  
reminded of the Father's goodness, of his purpose  
is blessed perfect as even though it be  
through suffering and proving. We were  
encouraged to unquestioned obedience to him,  
and instant response to his voice for  
we possess only the present hour but  
as for doing our Father's business.

Adjourned to meet at three o'clock this  
afternoon.



First day when the meeting was resumed.  
H. C. Ball on behalf of the governing  
representatives informs the meeting that  
they had conferred together and were  
united in proposing Rufus M. Jones for  
Clerk and Alice W. Mayfield for  
Assistant Clerk. The meeting uniting  
with these nominations they are appointed  
to the respective positions for the  
 ensuing year.

The Committee appointed to prepare a  
summary of answers to the Queries  
alluded to their appointment. The Queries  
have been read with their respective  
answers from the several Meetings on  
Ministry and Discipleship and the condition  
of the Church as brought out in these  
answers claimed our attention and much  
helpful counsel was given.

Summary answers to the Queries for the  
Meeting on Ministry and Discipleship.

1.  
We are diligent in attending our meetings  
in worship and discipline; careful also  
to promote the attendance of our families  
with a little exception in each of these  
things noted by these Quarterly Meetings.

2.  
We are in unity one with another and  
with the meetings to which we belong.  
Our Quarterly Meetings qualify their answers  
by saying "in good degree" or "in good measure".  
Our labor in gathering unto Christ is in  
harmony, with little exception mentioned  
by these Quarterly Meetings.

3.  
We are frequently engaged in searching the Holy  
Scriptures under the enlightening influence of the  
Holy Spirit, with little exception reported  
by one Quarterly Mtg. careful not to misquote  
or misapply them.

Minute on State of Society from the  
Early Mtg. on Ministry and Oversight.

The answers to the queries have important  
statements. Members are growing in  
harmony and love to uphold the Church  
of Christ and to enter into His fold.  
There is an evident desire to have the  
dominion of love always over us, and  
no thought of self in those, and to be  
in the sight of self and individual members  
that the will of the Master may be done in  
us and through us. It is felt that there  
is a place of service, both for old and  
young and that the Lord's witness is the  
one necessary qualification. Christian duties  
and religious life and service should  
begin at home and the family should be  
the inner shrine of the Church.

Devotion and power in family worship  
in public worship, in Mission work, and  
in every sphere are measured by the  
completeness of our individual consecration.  
We are enjoined to plead earnestly for the  
preparation of more of the members of our  
congregations for service as ministers that the  
work of the Church may be multiplied.  
We have realized anew that we need  
greater earnestness and determination to  
make each new year a year of greater  
affection and consecration, so in such  
in divine life that currents of life may  
go out through us. The message for today  
as of old is, "Speak to the people that  
they may go forward." May we all possess  
the more abundant power that prevails  
with girding for the Lord's work, realizing  
that the central thought of our existence  
should be the conversion of sinners and  
the glorifying of the Father in the will and  
power of the Gospel of Christ. This is  
the primary cause of being joined together



in a Christian body. All other things are secondary. With our hearts full of faith in our Master, we are encouraged to go into our special field of service. To our own trophies of victory. Though we may at this time seem to be but a remnant of Israel, we are exhorted to consider carefully how we may best reach Christ. As week solemnity has overwhelmed us, as we have realized the short period allotted to us, the approaching departure of some who for many years have been the faith among us and that we are to lead clean lives, free from all that would in any way hinder the Holy Cause of our Lord and Master, we are conscious of our own infirmities to speak a word of rebuke or even censure to it. We know of no better way to reach Christ than to wait for His power and to let Him speak through us without hindrance. The Minister needs to be infinitely larger in life and character than anything he says, for the message goes deeper than men's words can. It is with lead, to hammer nails but it is on us to stir up the gifts that have been received, and to see that no talent lies unused. It is our duty to sow the seed. The great Husbandman alone can bring it to fruit.

The meeting adjourned to meet at eight o'clock on Sabbath day the 9th.

Sabbath day morning the 9th of the month. The following constitute the meetings on Ministry and Missions.

| Place      | Ministers | Class | W. Mem. |
|------------|-----------|-------|---------|
| H. Island  | 20        | 31    | 30      |
| W. Island  | 12        | 30    | 25      |
| Sunderich  | 14        | 16    | 56      |
| Waltham    | 24        | 41    | 2       |
| Smithfield | 9         | 20    | 11      |
| Passalboro | 17        | 45    | 14      |
| Shore      | 6         | 17    | 10      |
| Fairfield  | 7         | 35    | 25      |
| Wrentham   | 6         | 8     | 8       |
|            | 118       | 246   | 184     |

64 Representatives present 10 absent.

The clerk is directed to lay the summer census to the Queries and the minute of the state of society before the next meeting.

Adjourned to meet again on Tuesday morning at eight o'clock.

On Tuesday morning the 11th of the month the meeting again assembled.

Such edifying counsel was given, concerning the duties of the Ministry towards the flock.

Having been favored to transact the business during our attention in Christian love and fellowship we now conclude with gratitude to our Lord and Master for his presence in our sittings together, desiring to meet at the appointed time and place at the Lord's service.

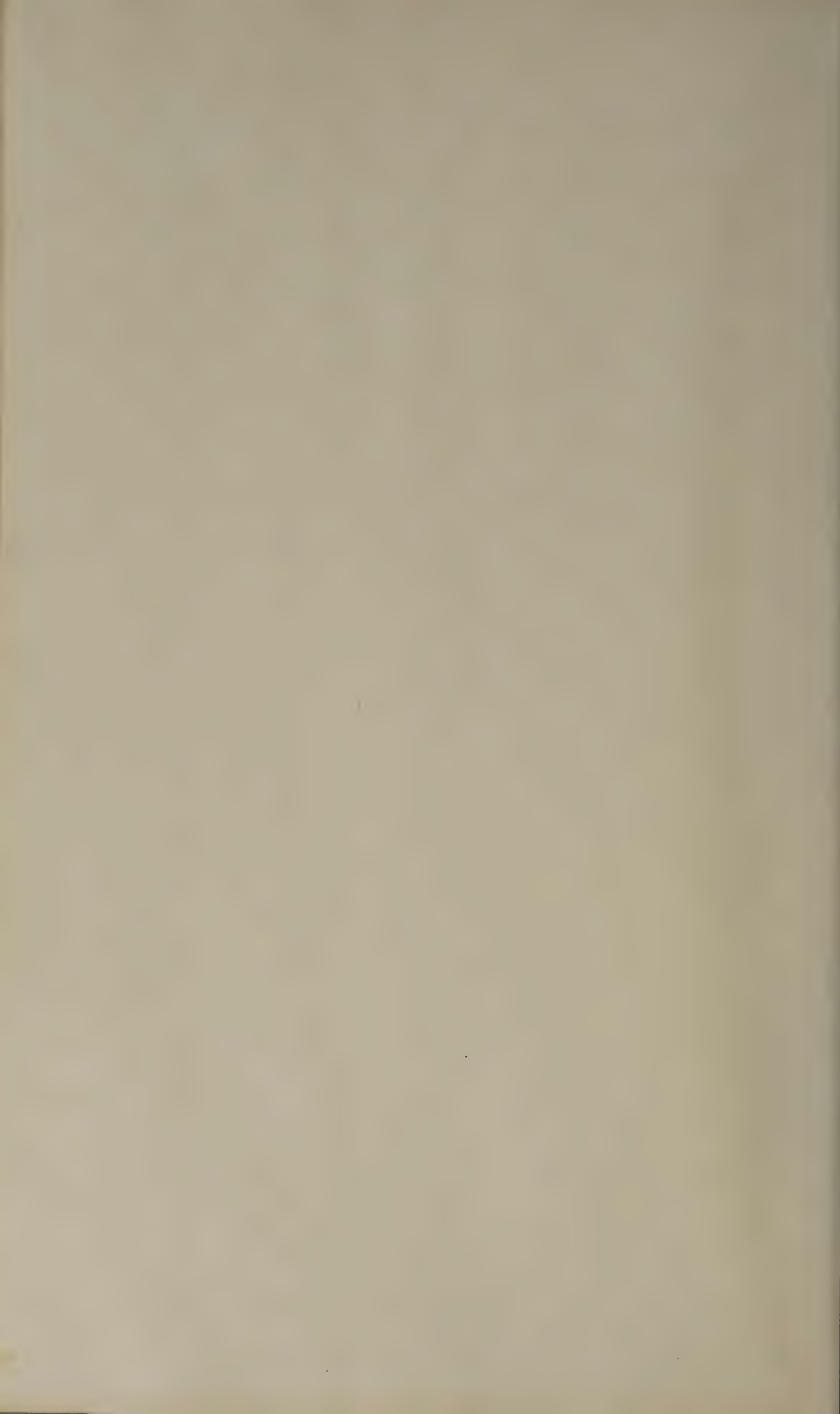
Rufus M. Jones, Clerk.





















At a Yearly Meeting of Friends on  
Ministry and Oversight for New England held at  
Portland, Me., the 13<sup>th</sup> of Sixth month 1895.

By accounts received from the various  
Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight it  
appears that the Representatives are as follows, viz:

Rhode Island

|              |                      |                      |                    |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Salem        | Estimote W. Cantland | Joseph Cantland      | Wm O. Newhall      |
|              | Alice W. Massfield   | Chas. H. Jones       | Chas. H. Thorndike |
|              | H. Elizabeth Jones   | Wm Henry Butler      | Mary B. Swan       |
|              | Thomas Wood          | Susan H. Meader      |                    |
| Sandwich     | Wm P. Macomber       | Joshua L. Macomber   | Mary C. Bailey     |
|              | Adeline S. Nye       | Ruth S. Murray       | Elizabeth C. Ever  |
|              | Rachel S. Howland    | Jane G. Fisher       | Susan H. Horie     |
|              | Elizabeth A. Taylor  | N. Henry Walbur      | E. G. Dillingham   |
|              | Edwara G. Wood       |                      |                    |
| Smithfield   | Isaac Steere         | Salome Wheeler       | Abigail Wheeler    |
|              | Deborah P. Atchison  | A. Eben Phelps       | Calvin R. Rockwood |
| Talmont      | Sarah H. Newlin      | Reuben J. Jones      | Lucy R. Coddard    |
|              | Phebe R. Cantland    | J. Hoscher Hall      | Lewis M. Douglas   |
|              | Osborne J. Hoffman   | S. Maria Haeker      | Lydia M. Ripe      |
|              | Myra C. Frye         | John Newlin          | Charles M. Jones   |
|              | Ezra Hawkes          | Alice W. Hawkes      | John Cantland      |
|              | Cyrus Cantland       |                      |                    |
| Wassalboro   | Alfred H. Jones      | Heartwell A. Jenkins | Albert Pinkham     |
|              | Annie Ray            | Mary R. Jones        | James M. Estes     |
|              | Hannah J. Jenkins    |                      |                    |
| Ware         | Mercy Jenness        | Anna M. Evans        | Emeline H. Tuttle  |
|              | Samuel Buffum        | Timothy B. Hussey    |                    |
| Windsor      | Henry Winslow        | J. Warren Hawkes     | Hannah J. Bailey   |
|              | Jesse W. Chandler    | Mantua B. Osborne    | Mary C. Hawkes     |
|              | Levi Jones           | Joseph E. Briggs     | Jesse McPherson    |
|              | Mary W. Jones of     | Winthrop Centre.     |                    |
| Parsonsfield | John B. Cantland     | Elizabeth S. Hozag   | Silas H. Cantland  |
|              | Mantua E. Hozag      | Leslie O. Meader     | Julia A. Remick    |
|              | Lydia A. Cantland    |                      |                    |

whose names were called and 53 were present  
and 22 absent for six of whom excuses were  
given.



1892

We have acceptably in attendance of this meeting beloved Friends in the ministry from other Monthly Meetings. They have produced satisfactory certificates from their respective meetings expressing unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements, viz:—

|                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| John Henry Douglas | Oregon Yearly Meeting |
| Barclay Jones      | Kansas " "            |
| Lindley A. Wells   | " " "                 |
| Seneca H. Stevens  | New York " "          |
| David J. Lewis     | Ohio " "              |
| Silas F. Strout    | Iowa " "              |
| Susie Morris       | Ohio " "              |
| Elison R. Purdy    | New York " "          |

Our Friends Elias G. Minard from New York Yearly Meeting and E. Jay Lord from Michigan both ministers of the Gospel are also acceptably present with us.

The following Friends are appointed to prepare a summary of answers to the Queries and present them to our afternoon sitting.

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Silas H. Cantand  | Wm O Newhall      |
| Chas W. Earle     | Robert P. Gifford |
| J. Shober Kimber  | Samuel Buffum     |
| M. Augusta Battey | Bessie L. Wing    |
| Mary W. Jones     | Susan Peckham     |
| Eugenia W. Earle  |                   |

This morning meeting has been overshadowed with the presence of the Lord. We have had many blessed evidences of His love and care in watching over us in sending messengers to us and we have been exhorted to renewed diligence in our fields of labor.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

6 mo 13<sup>th</sup>  
1892  
(P. M.)

In the afternoon at the appointed time the meeting assembled.

Wm O. Newhall on behalf of the Representatives informed the meeting that they had conferred together and were united in proposing Rufus M. Jones for clerk and



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Alice W. Maxfield for Assistant Clerk. The meeting uniting with these Friends they are appointed to the respective positions for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed to prepare a summary of answers to the queries presented to their report. The queries have been read to the members from the recent Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and the condition of the church as brought out by these queries. Much of our attention and much helpful counsel was given.

#### ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES OF THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

1. With some exceptions we are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families.
2. With a few exceptions, we are in unity one with another and with the Meetings to which we belong, and favored to harmonize in our Christian labors.
3. Friends are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

#### MINUTE FROM THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVER- SIGHT.

We have been impressed at this time that every individual member who has received any gift is a debtor to those about him, and that the work in the Lord's vineyard not only requires diligence but practical application of the use of every talent. It is not the ministry of one set type or of a fixed range that is wanted, but the great variety of character and nature in the world requires a great variety in the presentation of the truth.

We need to keep ourselves true and warm, working from the heart, and then we shall be instruments for the salvation of men. Every member should go to meeting, saying, "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" More earnestness is needed in these days in urging every member of the family to attend the meetings for worship, and in emphasizing the truth that individual private worship is not enough for the maintenance of strong spiritual life and power. We need the helpful influence and strength which come from the meeting together of God's children and the faithful exercise of gifts in the public assembly, and the children should especially be brought to the house of worship.

The day has not gone by when the Master says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." It is a universal command for the ages, and all things necessary will be provided for the servants of the Master's choice.

A church that is powerful in the earth is made up of living members, each one waiting reverently to find his service, and performing it with gladness and fidelity, whether it be in business occupation, in the home, or in the definite lines of religious service. The practical work of the church is to catch men, as it was of the first apostles, and every place in the Yearly Meeting ought to be a birthplace of souls. The small and slowly dying meetings will soon begin to grow and widen their range of influence when the few who are left in them realize what they can do through the power of the living God; and it becomes every Christian to hold on in faith and to help extend the Kingdom of God, and when the new members are added they should be hailed with joy, as a new child is welcomed into the family. It requires hard work to bring men to Christ, but it is the highest and noblest occupation that any person can engage in.

When we are thoroughly alive and are doing the work to which we are called, the world will soon know where we stand and what we believe. Not only right feeling, but right thinking and right doing are necessary.

The ministry ought to be as high as God has put it; everything else is secondary. There is something infinitely more important than to make a good living. Every one of our meetings ought to have active preaching of the gospel from year's end to year's end. The work of building up believers in their spiritual life, and of the salvation of souls, should be uninterrupted and definite. In every healthy organized meeting there will be a specialized ministry working in perfect harmony with the ministry and exercise of the whole body.

The Eldership is not simply an empty position of honor, but the Elders should take an active part in carrying on the spiritual work of the church. No Friend's meeting ought to be dependent for its existence on the attendance of any one minister or any number of ministers. The meeting should always be self-sustaining under the Divine help, and the Elders and the overseers ought to be men and women of spiritual power, and active workers so that they can bear their share in the real work of the church. A Friend in the life ought to be as movable under the Spirit as this great atmosphere is under the sunlight. The church must learn to fish for men as a unit, all laying hold in their place to make the great work a success, combining efforts to a central purpose.

Every Christian should contribute something, his best, to the service of Christ. We want organization for efficient work, but not in any sense to limit the Holy Spirit. The minister should speak with a real experience of the struggles and trials of life, and, while raising the ministry to its highest efficiency, we shall be careful not to make the distance between the ministry and the people too great.

RUFUS M. JONES, Clerk.

Convened to meet at 8.30 o'clock Seventh-day.

Seventh-day morning at 8.30 the meeting again assembled.

### Membership of this meeting

| Rhode Island.                                   | Ministers. | Elders. | Associates. |
|---|------------|---------|-------------|
| Ealem   | 31         | 27      | 25          |
| Danvers   | 13         | 33      | 36          |
| Falmouth  | 14         | 21      | 38          |
| Smithfield                                      | 25         | 40      | 3           |
| Vassalboro                                      | 10         | 26      | 11          |
| Dover   | 17         | 48      | 15          |
| Fairfield                                       | 6          | 18      | 11          |
| Parsonsfield                                    | 9          | 36      | 31          |
|   | 6          | 7       | 8           |
| $\frac{121}{+} \frac{275}{+} \frac{167}{=} 563$ |            |         |             |

Adjourned to meet at 8.30 on second day A.M.

Second-day morning the 17th of the month the meeting again assembled.

We have had at this time a helpful consideration of the proper order and proportion of public service in our meetings for worship. We have been favored of our Heavenly Father to transact the business of this meeting in a spirit of love and with a deep concern upon the minds of Friends that out of these periods of waiting and study and of spiritual exercise may come greater power and ability for the work and service of the coming year.



With added gratitude and responsibility on account of these opportunities we now separate proposing to meet again at the proper time and place if the Lord permit.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends on  
Ministry and Oversight held at Newport, R. I.  
Sixth Month 11<sup>th</sup> 1896.

By accounts received from the various  
Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight  
(except Parsonsfield) it appears that the Representatives  
are as follows, viz:

Rhode Island

Frederic C. Sturtevant  
Robert P. Gifford  
Cyprian Chase  
Charles W. Earle  
Susan Peckham  
Eunice A. Greene

Catharine Greene  
Mary C. Arnold  
M. Augusta Battey  
Anna L. Manchester  
Phoebe S. Sydelott  
Esther Chase  
Eliza Jane Collins

Salem.

Wm C. Newhall  
Daniel C. Mayfield  
Charles H. Jones  
Olney T. Meader  
Lucy Lane  
Alice W. Mayfield

H. Elizabeth Jones  
Annie K. Knight  
Elizabeth J. Larkin  
Mary B. Swan  
Jennie W. Crozman  
Susan H. Meader  
Lucy Ellen Collins

Sandwich.

John B. Baylies  
Wm Thompson  
Stephen R. Wing  
Joshua L. Macomber  
Henry A. Elocum  
Arnold S. Tripp

Rachel S. Howland  
Susan T. Thompson  
Elizabeth C. Wing  
Mary C. Baylies  
Susan S. Tripp  
Elizabeth A. Gifford

Salmouth.

Ezra Hawkes  
John A. Luge  
Ellison R. Purdy  
Alice M. Douglass  
J. Hooker Hall

Esther Jones  
Alice W. Hawkes  
Nathan Douglass  
Sarah W. Newlin

Smithfield

Isaac Steery  
Sarah I. Wheeler  
Salome C. Wheeler  
Wm Aldrich

Mary A. Battey  
Abigail Wheeler  
A. Eben Phelps





This last session of our meeting has been characterized by a very precious sense of the presence of our Holy Head; prayer, praise and testimony have been offered as from the heart of one man and we have been favored to feel what it is good to be together. We desire that the word of the Lord may have free course amongst us and be glorified.

Adjourned to three o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.

Meeting met at the time appointed.

Obadiah Chace, on behalf of the Representatives informed the meeting that they had conferred together and were united in proposing the name of Rufus M. Jones for Clerk and Alice H. Mansfield for Assistant Clerk. The meeting fully united with the proposition and the Friends were accordingly appointed to the respective positions for one year.

The names of <sup>the morning</sup> absent <sup>2</sup> representatives were called and five responded. A verbal report from Parsonfield was given and three Representatives were present from that meeting.

The Queries with their answers from the respective Quarterly Meetings were read and considered.

The Clerk was instructed to lay the answers to the Queries and the minutes on the table of Society before the yearly Meeting.



SUMMARY ANSWERS TO QUERIES OF THE MEETING ON  
MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

1. We are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families, with a little exception.
2. With some exception we are in unity with one another and with the meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring to gather to Christ.
3. We believe our members frequently search the Holy Scriptures and prayerfully seek a right understanding of them, and are careful not to misquote or misapply.

MINUTE OF THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT ON  
THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

We have deeply felt, at this time, that we need to utilize all the opportunities of life and all the manifestations of Divine power to equip our members for definite, positive service in the vineyard of the Lord. The influence of our ministry must not be limited to our own members; our sphere is to be bounded only by the limits of the globe.

There can be no adequate power in gathering souls to the Savior until we are permeated with love and bound together in vital unity. We must be so joined in spirit through our love to our common Master that we can work successfully with those who honestly think differently from ourselves. The higher we rise in the scale of life the greater the variety, and our main concern as Christians should be to be so fully consecrated in heart and purpose that spiritual unity shall swallow up the external variety.

A new spirit would spread through every community represented here, if each individual would return home and study the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians until its wonderful truths have become a veritable part of the life and thought; until this supreme gift is received in fulness.

The great question is an individual one, what am I personally doing to uplift Christ and to help those about me to see Him and come under His sway; and every effort put forth to extend His rule over human hearts re-acts upon the faithful servant, for no one can water without being watered also himself.

We were reminded that we need not only channels but also living power to make the channels effective. It is not simply machinery which we labor to build up or to keep up. We need power enough to make every bit of necessary machinery we have, accomplish something.

The machinery needs adjusting. Each individual needs to be adjusted by the Head of the Church so that he can work effectively with all other laborers, and also adjusted to temperature, going neither too fast nor too slow, but precisely as the Spirit of the Lord directs.

The headquarters of the church nowadays is in the field; its place is wherever it is needed, and it cannot exist by withdrawing into a stronghold apart from the world and by defending itself from attack. Its power increases as it occupies the field.

There is, however, the greatest need of simple, sincere, tongue-guarded, daily living, both among those who are saved, and among those who may be most seriously affected by any carelessness of life or word by any professed follower of the Lord. Whether in the family or in the fields of service, we must abide in Christ, and have Him the constant guest of the soul—He in us, and we in Him.

Power is always a consequence of the right relation between the soul and Him, and it cannot be gained until the relation is made a living, spiritual one. God always does His part, if there is any failure, it is on our part.

RUFUS M. JONES, *Clerk.*

*Adjourned until 8.30 on Seventh-day morning.*

Seventh-day morning the meeting assembled at the appointed time

The following statistical report from the Yearly Meeting has been read.

|                    | Ministres. | Elders.    | Associate<br>Members. |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Rhode Island       | 10         | 27         | 13                    |
| Salem              | 16         | 29         | 35                    |
| Sandwich           | 15         | 19         | 62                    |
| Falmouth           | 24         | 39         | 2                     |
| Smithfield         | 10         | 22         | 11                    |
| Vassalboro         | 16         | 48         | 20                    |
| Dover              | 6          | 17         | 13                    |
| Fairfield          | 12         | 37         | 19                    |
| Parsonsfield       | 6          | 6          | 7                     |
|                    | <u>124</u> | <u>244</u> | <u>182</u>            |
|                    |            |            | 124                   |
| Ministres deceased | 5          |            | <u>244</u>            |
| Elders             | " 12       |            | <u>350</u>            |

We have been favored to transact all the business of this meeting in a spirit of love and harmony. We now separate proposing to meet again at the proper time and place if the Lord permit.



At a Yearly Meeting of Friends on  
Ministry and Oversight  
for New England, held at Portland, Me.  
Sixth mo. 10th, 1897.

The Clerk being absent Charles S. Jones  
was appointed Clerk pro tem.

By accounts received from the  
various Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and  
Oversight, (except Smithfield and Vassalboro  
which were presented later) it appears that  
the Representatives to this meeting are as  
follows, viz:

### Rhode Island

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| James M. Estes       | Esther Chace      |
| Joseph H. Alwater    | Exie Estes        |
| Obadiah Chace        | Robert P. Gifford |
| Catharine Greene     | Phoebe R. Gifford |
| Josephine M. Kimber  | Charles A. Chace  |
| Hannah P. Ladd       | Charles M. Earle  |
| Elizabeth A. Gifford | E. Anniah Tucker. |

### Salem

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| William O. Newhall,   | Susan H. Meader     |
| Gertrude M. Cartland. | Elizabeth T. Larkin |
| Joseph Cartland       | Abbie M. C. Breed.  |
| Stephen Swett         | Alice M. Maxfield   |
| Cyrus Jones           | Olney T. Meader     |
| Sarah M. Swett,       | Lucy Ellen Collins  |
| Sarah A. Hill.        |                     |

## Sandwich.

Lusan F. Hoxie  
Edmund Taber  
Arnold L. Tripp  
Anna L. Wood  
Elizabeth A. Gifford

Sarah F. Patten,  
N. Hervey Milbur  
Harriet S. Davis  
Edward G. Hellingham  
Mary Hafford

## Salmon.

Lucey R. Goddard  
Lewis M. Houples  
Ezra Hawkes  
Ellison R. Purdy  
John Carttner

Henry L. Newell  
Caroline Jones  
John J. Frye  
Myra E. Frye  
Nathan Douglass

George H. Farr.

## Smithfield.

Samuel Arnold  
Deborah P. Atherton,  
William P. Pinkham  
Isaac Steere  
Alice M. How

Sarah J. Swift,  
Calvin R. Rockwood  
Avis B. Steere  
Emma C. Pinkham  
Susan Wheeler

Salome C. Wheeler.

## Vassalboro.

Jedediah J. Varney  
William H. Bates  
Etta S. Bates

Alfred H. Jones  
Mary R. Jones  
Eliza P. Pierce,

## Haver.

Asa C. Tuttle  
Emeline H. Tuttle

Mercy Jouness  
Albert C. Buffum

Samuel Buffum.

## Fairfield.

Horace M. Hall  
Alpheus Trueblood  
J. Warren Hawkes

Jesse McPherson  
Martha B. Osborne  
Mary C. Hawkes  
Hannah J. Bailey



Parsonsfield

John B. Bartland      Elizabeth S. Meader  
 Julia C. Remick      Joseph S. Remick  
 Lilas H. Bartland.

Whose names being called forty-two were present and, twenty-three absent.

For five of the absent ones excuses were given.

The clerks of our several Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight were directed to forward their accounts by mail to the Clerk of this Meeting, in suitable season prior to the Yearly Meeting, and the Clerk of this Meeting was directed to acknowledge the receipt thereof.

We have acceptably in attendance at this Meeting beloved Friends in the ministry from other Yearly Meetings.

They have produced satisfactory credentials from their respective meetings, expressing unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements.

|                    |                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Hannah H. Leggett, | New York Yearly Meeting |
| David E. Sampson,  | North Carolina " "      |
| Amos M. Kimworth,  | Indiana " "             |
| Isom P. Wootton    | Iowa " "                |
| Eli S. Parker      |                         |
| Ezra S. Pearson    |                         |
| James P. Price     | Oregon " "              |

We have also acceptably with us, Mary H. Bebell, an Elder from New York Yearly Meeting with satisfactory credentials from her home meeting; Emma Sampson, an Elder, as companion to her husband, David Sampson,

and Thomas H. Leggett as companion to his wife Hannah H. Leggett.

These Friends are all cordially welcomed and we desire that they may be so fully in the Lord's hand as not only to be a blessing to us, but that they may themselves be blessed.

The following Friends are appointed to prepare a Summary of Answers to the Queries and present them to the afternoon session viz;

Daniel C. Maxfield, Joshua L. Macomber, Mary M. Jones, Ellison R. Purdy, Lucy R. Goddard, John S. Kimber, Deborah P. Atherton, and Elizabeth R. Jones.

After a very precious and profitable session, during which our hearts were closely united in the love of Christ we adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

### Afternoon.

The meeting met at the time appointed.

Charles W. Earle on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they had conferred together and were united in proposing the name of Charles H. Jones for clerk and that of Alice W. Maxfield for assistant clerk.

The Meeting fully united with the proposition and the Friends named were accordingly appointed to the respective positions for one year.

The names of absent Representatives were called and two responded.

The Queries with their answers from the several Quarterly Meetings were read and considered. The clerk was instructed



*To lay the answers to the Queries and the Minute on the State of Society before the Next Meeting*

SUMMARY ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES OF THE MEETING ON  
MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

1. With little exception we are careful in attending our Meetings for worship and discipline, and to promote the attendance of our families.
2. We are in good measure united one with another and to the Meetings to which we belong, endeavoring to labor together in gathering to Christ.
3. We believe most of our members are frequently engaged in searching the Holy Scriptures with an earnest desire to arrive at a right understanding of their contents; careful not to misquote or misapply them.

MINUTE OF THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND  
OVERSIGHT ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

While the Queries with their Answers were under consideration the Meeting was introduced into a very deep and profitable spiritual exercise, and much pertinent and helpful counsel was given.

The necessity of faithfulness in the attendance of our business meetings as well as our meetings for worship on First-days and in the middle of the week was pressed upon us. The business of the Church is the Lord's business, and must at all times be made first in our interest and attention. It needs the spiritually-minded membership to conduct it in a manner which will be to the glory of the Lord and will tend to the strengthening and enlargement of the Church. If the members of this body manifest a lack of interest in the business of the Church, the effect of their example and influence will be painfully felt by the body at large, and the Church under such circumstances cannot prosper as she should.

When everything is consecrated to the Lord, it will not be difficult to make first things first. We need, however, to remember that the profession of consecration will avail nothing without the experience. The lookers-on are able to judge very accurately by our lives and conversation where our treasure is; for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Our duty to those who may be converted through our instrumentality was also dwelt upon. As a church organization we are not only called to the work of turning men to Christ, but we should provide them a church home where they may be instructed, edified, fed and used in their turn to help others.

A Church that fails thus to provide for children must eventually dwindle and die. Let us then say to the hungry multitudes without a church home: "Come with us and we will do you good."

Intense energy and intense activity should ever characterize us as a body. It is of the utmost importance that we should work together in harmony. Our consecration should be so perfect that the methods our Lord is pleased to bless in the prosecution of His work would cause no anxiety.

The seeking of personal comfort and ease can never be the business of the Christian. In the midst of so much sin and consequent suffering we are called to lives of self-denying service as Christ's representatives. Wherever we find humanity, however low or degraded, we find a soul for whom Christ died and whom we are to strive to reclaim. Not only the ministers, but every individual member of the Church has a part and lot in the matter. It takes the whole Church to preach the whole Gospel.

Our children ought to be so instructed and so influenced that they will love our Society and will be loyal to it. Work should be provided for them in the Church and connected with its interests. In this way they will become more closely identified with us; and as one after another fathers and mothers pass away, their places will be filled by children well qualified to receive the inheritance and to occupy it to the glory of God.

CHARLES H. JONES, *Clerk.*

Adjourned to Seventh day morning, 8.30

Seventh day morning

The Meeting met at the time appointed.

The minutes from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting were read. All of the Representatives responded to their names.

Adjourned to 8.30 Second day morning.

Second day morning

The Meeting met at the time appointed.

The delayed minutes from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting were read. All but two of the Representatives are in attendance.

The following Statistical report from the Yearly Meeting has been read, viz;

|                    | Ministers. | Elders.    | Associates |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Rhode Island       | 21         | 27         | 10         |
| Salem              | 15         | 34         | 39         |
| Sandwich           | 14         | 16         | 43         |
| Talmouth           | 21         | 36         | 0          |
| Smithfield         | 9          | 25         | 13         |
| Vassalboro         | 16         | 44         | 4          |
| Dover              | 6          | 14         | 12         |
| Fairfield          | 12         | 35         | 20         |
| Parsonsfield       | 5          | 6          | 5          |
|                    | <u>119</u> | <u>237</u> | <u>146</u> |
| Ministers deceased | 3          |            |            |
| Elders             | 13         |            |            |

During the different sessions of this Meeting the presence and power of the Holy Spirit have been preciousely manifested; binding our hearts in sweet fellowship and begetting within us a living desire



that our work in the Master's vineyard during the coming year may be more effective and in perfect harmony, because of and individual knowledge of and obedience to His revealed will.

As from day to day we have waited upon our Divine Lord, help has been graciously afforded by which we have been enabled to transact all the business coming before us in harmony and in Christian condescension.

We now separate proposing to meet at the appointed time and place next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Chas. H. Jones  
Chas. H.

At a Yearly Meeting of Friends on Ministry  
and Oversight, for New England held at  
Newport, R.I.  
Sixth month, 9th, 1898.

By accounts received from the several  
Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight  
it appears that the Representatives to this  
Meeting are as follows, viz:-

Rhode Island.

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Obadiah Chase     | Phoebe S. Aydelott   |
| Ellen K. Buffum   | Adaline P. Chase     |
| James M. Estes    | A. Edward Kelsey     |
| Ellen M. Atwater  | Robert P. Gifford    |
| Isaac B. Macomber | Elizabeth A. Gifford |

Salem.

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| William C. Newhall,  | Gillian Binns      |
| H. Elizabeth Jones   | Olney T. Meader    |
| Susan H. Meader      | Daniel C. Mayfield |
| Gertrude M. Cartland | Joseph Cartland    |
| Charles H. Jones     | Stephen Breed      |

Sandwich.

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Joshua L. Macomber | Susan F. Hoxie     |
| N. Hervey Wilbur   | Sophronia Geggatt  |
| Wm. P. Macomber    | Esther P. Macomber |
| Susan L. Thompson  |                    |

Falmouth.

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Ezra Hawkes    | J. Hacker Hall   |
| Esther Jones   | Luey R. Goddard  |
| Edward G. Wood | Lewis M. Douglas |

Smithfield

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| William P. Pinkham | Mary A. Battey      |
| Calvin R. Rockwood | Deborah P. Atterton |
| Samuel A. Arnold   | Abigail Wheeler     |



## Vassalboro

William H. Bates  
Alvano C. Goddard  
William A. Jones

Eliza P. Pierce  
Elizabeth R. Jones  
Etta S. Bates

## Hoover,

George J. Inness  
Lydia E. Jenkins  
Emeline H. Tuttle

Emma F. Inness  
Asa C. Tuttle

## Fairfield,

Henry Winslow  
Lodi Jones  
Hannah J. Bailey

Mary G. Winslow  
Mary C. Hawkes  
Osborn J. Hoffman

## Parsonsfield,

John B. Cartland  
Mary L. Cobb  
Lida H. Cartland

Elizabeth G. Meader  
Otis Meader

whose names being called 41 were present  
and 20 were absent.

Excuses were given for four of the latter.

As we are again privileged to meet in  
our Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight,  
our hearts are lifted in gratitude and praise  
to our blessed Master for His unfailing faithfulness  
during the year past.

Many vacant places remind us  
that here we have no continuing city, and  
also inspire us to renewed exercise of spirit that  
our work may keep pace with the swiftly passing  
time. As we enter upon the duties belonging  
to us at this Yearly Meeting, may we do so with  
renewed courage, earnestness and devotion, as  
becometh those to whom time is uncertain, and  
who feel their responsibility as Christ's representatives  
on earth.

We have acceptably in attendance of this Meeting beloved friends in the Ministry from other Yearly Meetings. They have presented satisfactory certificates from their respective meetings expressing unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements,

viz:-

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Mary E. Hughes,      | Baltimore |
| William C. Hubbard,  | Ohio      |
| Barclay Jones }      | Indiana   |
| Mary Nichols }       |           |
| Sarah A. Kelsey }    | Western   |
| Charles H. Stalker } |           |
| Isom P. Wootton      | Iowa      |
| John Henry Douglas   | Oregon.   |

We cordially welcome all these dear friends and desire that we may be mutually blessed together, and that we may truly be one another's helpers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We appoint Daniel C. Maxfield, William A. Jones, M. Augusta Battey, Bessie J. Wing, Chas. H. Thorndike, Ezra Hawkes, Elias H. Cartland and Cyrus Jones, to prepare a summary of answers to the queries and present them to the afternoon session.

Under a precious sense of divine presence and favor,

Adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.



Afternoon.

The Meeting met at the time appointed,

Obadiah Chase, on behalf of the representatives, informed the meeting that they had conferred together and were united in proposing the name of Charles H. Jones for clerk, and that of Alice W. Maxfield for assistant clerk, which being approved by the meeting these Friends were appointed to the respective positions for one year.

The names of absent representatives were called and seven responded.

The Queries with their answers from the several Quarterly Meetings were read and considered.

The clerk was instructed to lay a summary of these answers, together with a Minute on the State of Society before the Yearly Meeting.

#### SUMMARY ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES OF THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

1. With little exception we are diligent in the attendance of our Meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families.
2. We are not entirely in unity one with another and with the Meetings to which we belong, nor are our labors for Christ quite as harmonious as is desirable.
3. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

#### MINUTE OF MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

While the Queries with their Answers were under consideration, the Meeting was introduced into very deep and solemn exercise, especially as a measure of deficiency was noted in regard to some of the most vital qualifications for effective labor in the Master's vineyard. The assembling of ourselves together for worship must ever be held as a most sacred duty. While God can and does richly bless those whose hearts are right in His sight, but who, under certain circumstances, are unable to meet with their Friends in public worship, yet this fact does not in any degree justify one differently situated in saying: "God can bless me just as well in my home as at Meeting, and therefore I will remain at home." Such as these are likely to miss the blessing of the Lord, for they have not placed themselves in the way to receive it. Great care must be exercised in these days of Christian activity that our standard of spiritual worship be not lowered by allowing purely intellectual attainments to usurp the place of a heaven-born message. The cultured intellect, consecrated to God and controlled by His Spirit, will ever be a most important factor in producing blessed results. True spiritual worship will always prove attractive to the people, and they will be found coming where such worship is performed. Even the unconverted detect the difference between form

and substance. The problem of successful work presses upon us. A diversity of conclusions does not necessarily indicate a lack of unity, but is frequently the result of our environment. Unity of heart and spirit is our birthright in Christ Jesus, which we are bound to preserve. So long as we are in living connection with Christ, we are in practical Christian unity one with another, even though we may not be able to reach in all things the same judgment. The moment, however, that the vital connection with Christ is broken, we begin to draw apart from one another, and to see faults and failings where before they were not apparent. When we discover in ourselves a disposition to find fault with others, it is always safest for us to pray very earnestly for ourselves that we may be preserved in that love that "thinketh no evil."

We were very forcibly reminded that as Christians we are all witnesses for Christ. To be effective witnesses we must know something in order to tell it; so we must know Christ in order to witness for him. A witness must also have a character to back up his testimony, and must tell only what he knows. In a company of witnesses, while not necessarily using the same language in telling the same story, yet there must be no contradiction one of another, but that unity of sentiment in diversity of expression which adds force and value to the testimony. Above all, in order to labor harmoniously and successfully in gathering unto Christ, we must all know of the baptism with the Holy Ghost, by which we are introduced into the experience of perfect love. This was a doctrine very precious to the founder of the Society of Friends and to those who were contemporary with him. With hearts purified by faith and endued with power from on high, they like the early disciples went everywhere preaching the word. The hungry souls with whom they came in contact recognized at once the blessed spiritual meat thus presented to them, and gathering at the true table of the Lord were satisfied with the provision of his love. The Church was placed in the midst of the sin and darkness of this world for conquest. So long as she was true and loyal to the bridegroom she was victorious in the conflicts in which she was engaged. But when she forsook her first love she became weak and was torn both from within and without. All detraction and unkind thoughts and acts are evidences that our connection with Christ has been broken. Under such circumstances it is impossible for us to be examples to the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, or in spirit. Only by a return to our first love can we know of a restoration of power and of that unity of spirit by which the Church may become "fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners."

CHARLES H. JONES, *Clerk.*

*Adjourned to Seventh day morning at 8.30 o'clock*

*Seventh day Morning.*

*The meeting met at the time appointed.*

*The following Statistical Report from the Yearly Meeting has been received and read viz:—*

|                     | <i>Ministers</i> | <i>Elders</i> | <i>Associates.</i> |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <i>Rhode Island</i> | <i>21</i>        | <i>24</i>     | <i>34</i>          |
| <i>Salem</i>        | <i>15</i>        | <i>39</i>     | <i>32</i>          |
| <i>Sandwich</i>     | <i>14</i>        | <i>15</i>     | <i>69</i>          |
| <i>Taunton</i>      | <i>21</i>        | <i>34</i>     | <i>11</i>          |
| <i>Smithfield</i>   | <i>9</i>         | <i>25</i>     | <i>21</i>          |
| <i>Vassalboro,</i>  | <i>17</i>        | <i>43</i>     | <i>31</i>          |
| <i>Dover</i>        | <i>5</i>         | <i>18</i>     | <i>9</i>           |
| <i>Fairfield</i>    | <i>12</i>        | <i>36</i>     | <i>24</i>          |
| <i>Parsonsfield</i> | <i>5</i>         | <i>9</i>      | <i>13</i>          |
|                     | <i>119</i>       | <i>243</i>    | <i>244</i>         |

*Ministers deceased* *5*  
*Elders* *"* *13*



During the sessions of this body the Lord  
has been precious near to us.

We have been humbled under a sense  
of His wondrous, condescending love, and  
separate with hearts filled with gratitude  
and praise purposing to meet at the  
usual time next year at Portland, Maine,  
if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

Chas. H. Jones,  
Clerk.

At a Yearly Meeting of Friends on  
Ministry and Oversight—  
for New England, held at Portland, Maine  
Sixth month, 8th, 1877.

By accounts received from the several  
Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight,  
it appears that the Representatives to this  
Meeting are as follows, viz:

### Rhode Island

Robert P. Gifford,  
Susan Dickham,  
Ellen K. Buffum,  
Erie Estes,

Obadiah Chase,  
Adaline A. Chase,  
Charles A. Chase,  
Joseph H. Atwater.

### Salem.

William C. Newhall, Gertrude W. Cartland,  
Sarah A. Hill, Albert C. Hill,  
Cyrus Jones, Billie Birnie,  
Thomas Wood, Charles H. Thondie,  
Olney T. Meader, Susan H. Meader,  
H. Elizabeth Jones, Charles H. Jones,  
Fannie W. Crossman, Mary E. Mears,  
Stephen Breed.

### Sandwich

Anna S. Wood, William Thompson,  
Henry A. Stocum, Elizabeth H. Stocum,  
N. Hervey Wilbur, Elizabeth H. Wing,  
Mary E. Gifford, Elizabeth C. Taylor,  
de laide C. Wilbur, Angeline Ricketson,  
William H. Macomber, Susan T. Thompson,  
Susan H. Hoxie.

### Falmouth.

Miriam C. Mebbes, L. Hacker Hall,  
Louis H. Bondglass, Isaiah H. Hacker,  
Ezra Hawkes, Nathan H. Hoxie,  
Lina B. Lunt, L. Maria Jones,  
George H. Farr, Lucy J. Lunt,  
Lucy R. Goddard, Caroline Jones, Alice W. Hawkes.



Smithfield.

John Metcalfe,  
Sarah L. Swift,  
Samuel Arnold,

Deborah P. Atherton,  
D. Wheeler Swift,  
Alice M. How,

Ruel Randall,

Vassalboro.

Jedediah L. Varney,  
James H. Cook,  
Eliza P. Pierce,  
Harris R. Jones,

Alfred H. Jones,  
Elizabeth R. Jones,  
Flavilla S. Roberts,  
William A. Jones.

Hoover.

George J. Jenness,

Emma F. Jenness.

Clarence S. Rinkham,

Lidia E. Jenkins

Emeline H. Tuttle,

Fairfield.

Phoebe M. Hadsworth,  
Jesse M. Peterson,  
Elizabeth M. Hawkes,  
Augustus L. Morse,

Joseph E. Briggs,  
Mary M. Jones (Winthrop Centre)  
Henry Winslow,  
William D. Winslow,

Barrowsfield.

Lilas H. Cartland,  
Mary E. Cartland,

Joseph S. Rerrick,  
Julia C. Rerrick.

whose names being called 59 were present  
and 22 were absent.

Excuses were presented for eight of the  
latter.

As we are privileged once more to  
meet in our Yearly Meeting on Ministry and  
Oversight, we are sweetly reminded that He  
who has been the dwelling place of His  
people in all generations, is still the same  
to those who put their trust in Him.

While our hearts are tinged with sadness  
as we realize that many loved ones who  
have been pillars in the church for many  
years have been removed from us, and  
many others are prevented by feeble health  
and other circumstances from meeting  
with us at this time, still our faith takes hold.

of the exceeding faithfulness and fullness  
of our God; and we this morning place our-  
selves anew in His hands to be used by Him  
in any way and in any place His will may  
indicate.

We have acceptably with us at this  
meeting, beloved Friends in the ministry from  
other Yearly Meetings. They have presented  
satisfactory certificates from their respective  
meetings expressing unity with them as  
ministers and with their present religious  
engagements viz:-

Samuel Miles, New York Yearly Meeting

Eli S. Parker } Iowa " "  
Mary M. Parker }  
Leon P. Wootton }

We have also the acceptable com-  
pany of Margerie E. Wootton, an Elder, as  
companion to her husband, Leon P.  
Wootton; also of Aquila H. and Hannah  
A. S. Pickering from Chicago, members  
and Elders of Western Yearly Meeting.

We cordially welcome all of these dear  
Friends, and desire that under the  
direction of our blessed Master, we may  
all be edified and strengthened and  
prepared for effective service in His  
vineyard.

We appoint William T. Macomber,  
Ellison R. Rudy, William C. Newhall,  
Jesse McKerson, Hannah P. Todd and Eliz-  
abeth A. Taylor, to prepare a summary of  
answers to the queries, and present the same  
to the afternoon session.



Under a very precious sense of Divine presence and of the sweetness of Christian fellowship, we adjourn to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.

The meeting met at the time appointed.

William Thompson on behalf of the Representatives informed the meeting that they had conferred together and were united in proposing the name of Charles H. Jones for Clerk, and that of Alice M. Maxfield for Assistant Clerk, which being approved these friends were appointed to the respective positions for one year.

The names of Representatives who were absent this morning, were called and 5 responded.

The queries with a summary of answers from the several Quarterly Meetings were read and seriously considered.

The Clerk was instructed to lay this summary together with a Minute on the State of Society before the Yearly Meeting.

#### SUMMARY ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES OF THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

1. We are diligent in the attendance of our meetings for worship and discipline with some exception, and careful to promote the attendance of our families.
2. With very little exception we are in unity one with another and with the meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring together in gathering unto Christ.
3. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, seeking by prayer a right understanding of their contents. We are careful not to misquote nor misapply them.

#### MINUTE OF THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

In order that our preaching may be effective for good in gathering unto Christ it must be backed up by holy living on our part. This can only be experienced and manifested by having the heart purified by the incoming and indwelling of our blessed Christ. It is not safe for us to indulge in anything, either small or great, which is of doubtful propriety, or which others, from their standpoint, might easily place a wrong construction upon. We may even find it best, for the sake of others, to refrain from some things which for us are lawful and right in themselves, but which might prove a snare to some who are differently situated. Paul expressed the spirit of the Master when he declared, "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." In everything the humble, devoted child of God will seek to "abstain from all appearance of evil," that no occasion of offence may be given. If the fountain be pure the outflowing streams will be pure also.

The elders were tenderly exhorted to faithfulness in the discharge of their responsible duties. To watch over the ministry, not only to guard it from unsoundness, but to tenderly encourage its development by the sympathetic word, the warm grasp of the hand, and by themselves being examples of prompt and glad obedience to the call of the Master in opening their lips in the congregation of the people.

Many precious gifts have been bestowed upon the lambs of the flock, the young people within our borders, which will remain undeveloped until they may be lost altogether, unless loving care and help is extended by those who "watch for souls as they that must give account."

True Christian unity is an absolute necessity to success in carrying forward the Master's work. Our circumstances in life may be so very different that of necessity our *methods* of labor will also be different. We need to learn that others, equally honest, equally spiritual, are led of God to accomplish the same results as ourselves, but by means peculiarly their own. In the great warfare in which we are engaged we cannot afford to waste our energies or weaken our forces by internal dissensions or lack of confidence in one another. When our hearts are filled with love to Christ, they will also be filled with love to our fellows; and this love will enable us to overcome all improper prejudices toward others engaged in the same conflict as ourselves against the powers of darkness.

Parents need to be especially careful of their words and conduct and general attitude toward the work of the Lord, not only for their own sake, but for the sake of their children. Nothing is so fatal to the spiritual life of a young person as to have parents indulge in unkind and unchristian criticism of workers or their methods.

Adjourned to Seventh day morning  
at 8.30 o'clock

Seventh day morning, Sixth month 10th,

The meeting met at the time appointed.

We gratefully acknowledge the condescending goodness of our Heavenly Father, in graciously inclining His ear and listening to our cry at the opening session of our Meeting.

And as we have been privileged to meet from session to session, He has not failed to be our wisdom and strength, comforting our hearts in His love. We commended one another to Him and to the word of His grace, desiring that each one may faithfully serve Him <sup>here</sup>, until called to the higher service in glory.

We now separate purposing to meet at the appointed time and place next year, if the Lord permit.

Chas. H. Jones,  
Clerk.



At a Yearly Meeting of Friends on  
Ministry and Oversight,  
held at Newport, R.I. Sixth month, 7th, 1900.

By accounts received from the several  
Quarterly meetings on Ministry and  
Oversight, it appears that the Representatives  
to this meeting are as follows, viz:

Rhode Island.

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Ellen K. Buffum,   | Robert P. Gifford,  |
| James M. Estis,    | Phebe S. Applelatt, |
| Isaac B. Macomber, | Sarah J. Hanson,    |
| Thomas T. Jackson, | E. Annah Tucker.    |

Salem

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Charles H. Jones, | Charles H. Thordike, |
| Rebecca P. Davis, | Alice M. Maxfield,   |
| Susan H. Meader,  | Mary B. Swan,        |
| Thomas Wood,      | Dr. Elizabeth Jones. |

Sandwich.

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| William P. Macomber, | Anna G. Wood,      |
| Alice C. Hinchlaw,   | Thomas J. Hafford, |
| Mary E. Gifford,     | Elizabeth C. Ewer, |
| Esther H. Macomber,  | Phebe B. Slocum,   |
| Rebecca H. Ewer,     | Benjamin H. Kirby  |

Falmouth.

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| Ezra Hawkes,  | Luci R. Goddard, |
| John J. Foss, | Levi M. Douglas, |
| Esther Jones, | Alfred I. Ware.  |

Smithfield.

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Samuel A. Arnold,    | Emeline H. Tuttle, |
| Deborah P. Atherton, | A. Eben Phelps,    |
| Kate A. Phelps,      | J. Elwood Roberts, |
| Hannah J. Roberts,   | Oscar J. Morse.    |

Vassalboro.

William B. Jones,  
Eliza P. Pierce,

Elizabeth R. Jones,  
Linwood M. Jones.

Dover.

Clarence S. Pinkham, Annie E. Pinkham,  
Samuel Buffum, Anna M. Hussey.

Fairfield.

A. Edward Kelsey, Joseph E. Briggs,  
J. Warren Hawkes, Mary C. Hawkes,  
Hannah J. Bailey, Mary W. Jones.

Parsonsfield.

Silas H. Cartland, Elizabeth S. Hoag,  
Melissa S. Dearborn, John B. Cartland.

whose names being called 40 were present  
and 18 were absent.

Excuses were presented for 3 of the  
latter class.

Through the sparing mercy of our gra-  
cious Lord, we are again permitted to meet  
in our Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.  
The charge of the great apostle  
to the elders of the church at Ephesus, seems  
to come to us with peculiar force and sig-  
nificance at this opening session;

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves and  
to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost  
hath made you overseers, to feed the church  
of God which he hath purchased with his  
own blood"

In order that we may meet the impor-  
tant responsibilities resting upon us in our  
several positions, we must know of laying  
aside all self-seeking, and in the spirit of  
our blessed Master, of being able individually  
to say, "I am among you as one who we"



May the Holy Spirit so preside over all of our deliberations, that whatever diversity of opinion may be apparent at times amongst us, when a decision is finally reached, we may be able to say, "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us."

We have acceptably with us at this meeting, beloved friends in the Ministry from other Yearly Meetings.

They have presented satisfactory certificates from their respective meetings, expressing unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements,

viz: -

Seneca H. Stevens } New York Yearly Meeting.  
Mary J. Weaver }

Walter S. Aldrich } Ohio " "  
Willis R. Hotchkiss }

Amos Davis } Iowa " "  
Susan B. Lissou }

Charles W. Goddard } Kansas " "  
Uenza C. Kenyon }

We have also the acceptable company of Rube T. Stevens, an elder, as companion to our husband, Seneca H. Stevens, also of Sarah J. Dickrell, an elder, as companion to Susan B. Lissou, and of Anna M. Goddard, an elder, as companion to her husband, Charles W. Goddard.

We cordially welcome all of these dear friends, and desire that they may be faithful to declare the whole counsel of God as committed them by him, and that we may be mutually edified and comforted together,

We appoint Frank E. Jones, Charles H. Thordike, Alice C. Winslow, A. Edward Nelson, Ezra Hawkes and Bessie T. King a committee to prepare summary answers to the Queries and present them to the afternoon session.

Having enjoyed a very precious sense of divine favor and blessing at this morning session, we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.

The Meeting met at the time appointed.

Ezra Hawkes on behalf of the Representatives informed the meeting that they had conferred together and were united in proposing the name of Charles H. Jones for Clerk, and that of Alice W. Maxfield for Assistant-Clerk; which, being approved, by the Meeting these friends were appointed to the respective positions for one year.

The names of Representatives absent-at the opening of the morning session, were called and five responded.

The Queries with a Summary of the answers from the several Quarterly Meetings were read and we devoutly prayerfully considered.

Adjourned at 5.30 o'clock  
Seventh day morning.

Seventh day morning, Sixth month 9th,

Meeting met pursuant to adjournment.

The meeting continued the consideration



of the subject which was occupying its attention at its adjournment, viz: "How to make our Meetings on Ministry and Oversight more effective." Much excellent counsel was given, but so much exercise seemed to be apparent that it was decided to continue the subject at another session.

Adjourned to Second day morning, 5 o'clock.

Second day morning, Sixth month, 11th.

Meeting convened at the hour appointed.

The Minute on State of Society, growing out of the exercise of this meeting from session to session, has been read and approved. The clerk was instructed to lay this Minute together with the Summary of the answers to the Queries before the Yearly Meeting; also to call the attention of Clerks of the Quarterly Meeting, on Ministry and Oversight to the Minute of this Meeting as printed in the Yearly Meeting Minute, and direct them to have it read in their own and their subordinate meetings.

#### MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT—SUMMARY OF ANSWERS.

I. With little exception, we are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families.

II. We are generally in unity one with another and with the meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring together, though we feel the need of greater earnestness and zeal in striving to gather to Christ.

III. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

#### MINUTE OF THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

The usefulness of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight will be in proportion to the individual faithfulness of its members, not only in the exercise of their own particular gifts, but in the development and encouragement of the gifts of others. The young people especially need the hands of those who are older in years and experience to be laid in loving benediction upon their heads, or to grasp their own in warm cordiality, accompanied with the word of commendation, encouragement or counsel, as the Holy Spirit should direct. But whatever the message, it should be permeated with the love born of God.

It is always safe to trust the Lord to bring about His own purposes. He sees the end from the beginning, and our responsibility ceases when we have simply obeyed Him.

Sometimes one sitting by can see where another's service might be more effective, were it changed somewhat in manner of presentation. It

is not an act of Christian love to refrain from suggesting the change for fear of wounding the other; but as both workers are in the love of Christ, both will be benefited, the one by obediently giving the advice, the other by receiving and endeavoring to profit thereby.

The reading of suitable literature may be very helpful to all workers in the Lord's vineyard, in suggesting fresh lines of thought and enlarging one's spiritual horizon.

The ministry of woman has been a prominent factor in making both the written and unwritten history of our Society through the years of its existence. It still bears the seal of Divine appointment and approval, and requires no apology for its existence and exercise. Rather should we continue to accord to it a large place in the church, and seek by all proper means its development and encouragement.

We desire that Friends should ever keep in mind the blessed truth that upon each of His dear children our Heavenly Father has bestowed some gift or gifts, upon the exercise of which depends the spiritual life of His church. Where the new birth, entire consecration to God, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit, are insisted upon as essentials to proper activity in Christian work, "forward spirits that run into words without life and power" will find little place, because of the uncongenial atmosphere which will be about them. At the same time those who are being led of the Lord will find assistance and encouragement along the way, and their gifts will become fruitful to the glory of the Giver and to the edification of the Church.

It means much for ministers, elders, or any of God's children, to be in the line of apostolic succession; that is, to be in the line of unflinching, uncompromising obedience to the will of God, even though it lead through the fire of persecution, into the dungeon, upon the scaffold, or upon the cross. And yet such obedience is as necessary to the prosperity and life and power of the church in the evening of the nineteenth century as in any previous age of the world. Such obedience and such loyalty are in no wise incompatible with an active, successful business life. "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men." We make a serious mistake when we draw a sharp distinction between secular and religious work. When the Lord's children are in the place of His appointment, all their work becomes religious because of its being done with reference to His will and with an eye single to His glory. Active business life, with all its cares and perplexities and trials, frequently qualifies one to be a helper to his fellows, as he could not be had he not passed through similar experiences.

Above all else, we should strive to be continually so filled with the love and consequent tenderness of Jesus Christ, as never carelessly to set our foot upon the tender plants in the garden of the Lord. These should be most carefully watched and tended, and every proper means employed to assist their growth and fruitfulness.

Being workers together with God, the most perfect obedience to Him is essential to success in His service. Finite plans and arrangements must ever work disaster and failure.

While we gladly acknowledge the gift of pastors to the Church, we feel the necessity of the greatest care and watchfulness, lest a misapprehension of the place and duties of a pastor defeat the very purpose for which a pastoral gift was bestowed. No meeting can be held to the glory and in the power of God where His message, even through one of the weakest or most unattractive of His instruments, is suppressed. An ideal Friends meeting is where ministers, elders and congregation at large are all together waiting upon the Lord; each one without regard to official station, in that living relationship to the living Head, as to be able instantly to respond to the Divine call to any manner of service.

No feeling of distrust or suspicion should be allowed to exist between ministers and elders, but rather that of mutual helpfulness. Under the leading of the Lord, elders may often find the vocal service of the meeting largely devolving upon them. Especially in the absence of the minister or ministers should this be naturally expected of them, both by themselves and by the meeting.

There is always great danger in an effort to bring people to our standard. In the very nature of things, there must be an endless variety of thought, manner and expression. These differences exist doubtless for a wise purpose, and we should endeavor so to adapt ourselves by the grace of God to His will in these matters, that they may be to us a source of pleasure and blessing, instead of producing discomfort and uneasiness.

From session to session our blessed Lord has most graciously condescended to feed us with the finest of the wheat, and to satisfy us with honey from the rock. May that which we have received be so used in the time yet remaining to us upon the earth, that when we are called to



render our accounts, each of us may hear  
the language of commendation, "Well done  
good and faithful servant."

We now separate purposing to meet  
at Portland, Maine, at the usual time next  
year, if the Lord permit.

Chas. H. Jones. Clerk.

1901.

At a Yearly Meeting of Friends on  
Ministry and Oversight,  
held at Portland Maine, Sixth mo, 13, 1901.

By accounts received from our several  
Quarterly meetings on Ministry and Oversight  
it appears that the Representatives to this  
meeting are as follows:-

Rhode Island.

Henry C. Applebatt, Osborne P. Hoffman,  
Anna L. Macomber, E. Burch Tucker, Robert  
H. Tiffot, Charlotte Chase, Alice C. Earle,  
Anna E. Jones, Susan Peckham, Lydia E.  
Minkwater and Joseph M. Stwater.

Salem.

Stephen Lunt, Sarah M. Lunt, Chas. H.  
Thordike, Gertrude M. Cartland, Alice M.  
Hayfield, Samuel C. Mayfield, Anna M.  
Goul, Martha C. Johnson, and Jennie M. Crossman.

Sandwich.

Anna C. Wood, Mary E. Gifford, Joshua L. Macomber,  
Lydia Kirby, Susan F. Dixie, Harriet J. Davis,  
A. Hervey Wilbur, William Thompson,  
Edward L. Macomber and Benjamin M. Kirby.

Falmouth,

Lebas W. Hibber, Leonard Hunt, Miriam C. Nutter,  
Sarah W. Newlin, Sarah N. Hoacker, Caroline Jones, L. Maria  
Jones, Henry L. Varney, Myra C. Foye and John J. Foye.

Smithfield,

Deborah P. Altherton, Emeline H. Little, Alfred How,  
Samuel A. Arnold, Alice M. How, and Paul A. Randall.

Vassalboro,

Jedediah J. Varney, John Jones, Linwood W. Jones,  
Elyza P. Dyer and James H. Dyer.

Dover,

Samuel Buffum, John C. Nutter, Almira B.  
Buffum, and Almira B. Nutter.

Fairfield,

J. Isaac Hawkes, Joseph C. Briggs, William T.  
Winslow, Phoebe M. Wassworth, Hannah J. Bailey,  
Mar. C. Hawkes, Elizabeth M. Hawkes, and  
Augustus F. Morse.

Parsonsfield,

John B. Cartland, Silas H. Cartland  
Will S. Weeks, Elizabeth S. Ross and Alice E. Linton

whose names being called 54 were present  
and fourteen were absent.

Excuses were offered for two of the absent ones.

The rapidly revolving wheels of time have  
brought us to the opening session of another  
Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

We mourn the loss by death of some,  
and the enforced absence through feeble health  
or other circumstances of others whose presence  
and counsel in the past have added dignity  
and spiritual character to our gatherings.

But we are also reminded that the  
same blessed Master, who so eminently



qualified them for usefulness in His service,  
will qualify us also for our work, as we submit  
ourselves to Him for that purpose.

May all the work entrusted to us, be so performed,  
under the eye and in the fear of the Lord, that  
when these familiar places shall know us no more  
we may each have received from Him whom we have  
endeavored to serve, the testimony and invitation  
"Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou  
into the joy of thy Lord."

We have a pleasure with us at this  
meeting beloved friends of the ministry from  
other Yearly Meetings.

They have presented satisfactory testi-  
ficates from their respective meetings, expressing  
unity with the ministry and with their  
present religious engagements viz:—

William Hobson                      London Yearly Meeting.

Eli Reese }  
Albert L. Lyle }                      New York                      "  
Levitt J. Rugg }

Jacob Baker }  
Halter S. Adrich }                      Ohio                      "                      "

Harry Hayes                      Iowa                      "                      "

John M. Watson                      Kansas                      "                      "

We have also the acceptable company  
of Elizabeth C. Hobson, an Elder, as companion  
to her husband William Hobson, and Anna B.  
Rugg as companion to her husband Levitt J.  
Rugg, and Phila A. Baker, an elder, as compan-  
ion to her husband Jacob Baker.

We extend a cordial Christian welcome to all these  
our friends, and desire that they may enjoy with us  
the full liberty of the Spirit, and be enabled to  
build one another up in our most holy faith.

We appoint Samuel Buffum, Daniel C. Warfield,  
Henry C. Gaydelott, Almira B. Buffum, Joseph E. Briggs,  
Susan F. Hoxie, Lucy R. Goddard and Elizabeth M.  
Hawkes, to prepare a Summary of answers to the  
Queries and present them to the afternoon session.

Realizing very sweetly the presence and power  
of the Lord amongst us, and His faithfulness in  
hearing and answering prayer, we adjourn  
to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.

The meeting met at the time appointed.

Robert P. Gifford on behalf of the Representatives  
informed the Meeting, that they had conferred together  
and were united in proposing the name of Chas.  
C. Jones for Clerk and that of Alice W. Warfield for  
assistant Clerk; which being approved by the  
meeting these friends were appointed to the respec-  
tive positions for one year.

The names of Representatives absent at  
the morning session were called and three  
responded.

Satisfactory credentials in favor of Mary  
J. Weaver and also of Mary S. Knowlton of New York  
Yearly Meeting, also of Mary H. Bedell, an elder  
in conjunction to Mary S. Knowlton were read.

These friends were also cordially welcomed.

The Queries with a summary of the answers from  
the several Quarterly Meetings were read, intro-  
ducing the meeting into a very lively and profitable  
exercise as to our individual relationship to God,  
to the church and to the world.



(Adjourned to Seventh day morning  
at 8.30 o'clock)

Seventh day morning, Sixth mo, 13th.

The meeting met pursuant to adjournment.

The subject of the State of Society,  
its present condition and desired future,  
continued to occupy the attention of the meeting.

Such valuable thought was expressed  
It was the decision of the meeting to hold  
another session of this body.

Adjourned to Second day morning  
at 8 o'clock.

Second day morning Sixth mo, 14th.

By direction of the Yearly Meeting this  
meeting convened at 8.30 o'clock instead of  
8.

The consideration of the State of Society  
was continued.

Adjourned to meet Third day morning  
at 8.30 o'clock.

Third day morning.

The meeting met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk was directed to lay before the  
Yearly Meeting the Summary of Answers to the  
Queries together with the Minutes taken concern-  
ing the State of Society.

**Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Summary Answers to Queries.**

I. We are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline, with little exception, and generally careful to promote the attendance of our families.

II. With the exception of a deficiency reported from one Quarterly Meeting, we are in unity one with another and with the meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring together in gathering to Christ.

III. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents, and are generally careful not to misquote or misapply them.

#### Minute of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

It is of the utmost importance that a correct relationship be maintained between parents and children. During the earlier years of the child's life the parents' will should be the will of the child. The child should be trained to the habit of prompt and implicit obedience. Great is the responsibility of the parent during this formative period. Mistakes made then are almost if not quite irreparable. No parent is qualified for the holy and important work of child training until he himself has learned obedience in the school of Christ and can draw from above the wisdom that is profitable to direct. The child that through love is wisely controlled and his activities carefully watched and directed will almost unconsciously become interested in that which interests the parents. If they make the things of the kingdom of heaven *first*, the child naturally will do the same; if, however, these things are allowed to become mere matters of convenience or inclination, the child will not be likely to find them attractive. If children are brought up to attend meetings as a matter of course, a taste for meeting going is almost instinctively developed.

The question of self-interest, so frequently asked, especially by those of a certain age, "What shall I get out of it?" should be met by the counter query, "What can I contribute to the meeting to make it more profitable to myself and others?" The love that makes covenant by sacrifice will cause the *best* that is in others to respond. In order that our young people may be held to us as they merge into manhood and womanhood, we must make them feel that we need them. Work should be provided for them suited to their mental and spiritual capacity.

The church needs all of her workers—the most highly educated with their native and acquired powers consecrated to the Lord, as well as those whose educational advantages have been more limited and whom circumstances have debarred from many privileges for culture enjoyed by others; yet all being filled with the Spirit and clothed with righteousness and true holiness should be made to feel and know that they are absolutely indispensable to a church that would be completely equipped for service in the world.

Parents and others should carefully avoid before children all unkind or unchristian criticism of ministers or of any service in a meeting. Prejudices are easily formed in the minds of young people, which may affect their whole future lives. While God has bestowed the gift of the ministry upon the individual, the minister himself is God's gift to the church, and ought to be most sacredly cherished. Where a gift in the ministry has been received by an individual, it is for the edification of the church and never as an article of merchandise.

In order to increase our capacity for receiving, we must cultivate the habit of giving. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." The more valuable and important the gift, the greater the necessity of using it wisely; and a correct appreciation of it will place its possessor under a very intense feeling of responsibility. The church should recognize her indebtedness to the ministry and should accord to it the dignity and honor inherent to it. She should instruct her young men and women that they can receive no higher honor than to be called of the Lord to deliver His messages to the people, and that the honor thus conferred should produce in the individual the most profound humility.

Diligence in business is in no wise incompatible with the exercise of one's gift in the ministry. Some of the most effective service ever rendered to the church and to the world has been performed by messengers who mingled with their fellows upon the common plane of daily life as they honestly strove to "provide things honest in the sight of all men." When, however, the call of the Lord is of that character that obedience thereto makes it necessary for the individual to forsake all business interests, there should never for a moment be any hesitation, querying, "What shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or wherewithal shall we be clothed? For your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." And He has promised that they shall be added unto you, and his promises fail not.

True success in preaching does not depend simply upon the power of truth, or eloquence or character or original thought, but upon a knowledge of God, growing out of a life completely surrendered to Him. This and this alone qualifies the individual to be a messenger for the Most High and renders the message effective to those to whom it is sent.

We gratefully and reverently acknowledge the condescending goodness of our Heavenly Father, in graciously inclining His ear and listening to our cry at the opening session of our meeting. And as we have met in the different sessions He has not failed to be our wisdom and strength, renewing our hearts in His love. We commend one another to Him and to the word of His grace desiring that each one may faithfully abide in Him until we shall be found with Him in glory. We solemnly propose to meet at the appointed time and place next year if the Lord permit.

Chas. H. [unclear]



At a Yearly Meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight, held at Newport, R. I.  
Sixth month 12th, 1902.

The accounts received from our several  
Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight  
it appears that the following named friends  
have been appointed Representatives to this  
meeting viz:—

Rhode Island:— Henry C. Aydelott, Mead  
J. Kelcey, Selia Rees, E. Annah Tucker, Anna  
H. Williams, Obadiah Chase and Susan Pickham.

Salisbury:— William C. Newhall, Olney T. Meader,  
Susan H. Meader, Alice M. Mayfield, Martha  
C. Johnson, Jas. H. Thordike, Ellen C. Jones,  
Mary C. Hays, Jemiah Binns and Jas. H. Jones.

Sandwich:— Anna G. Wood, Rebecca D. Tower,  
Mary Abby Swift, Esther D. Macomber,  
William P. Macomber, Mary E. Gifford,  
A. Horvay, Wilbur, Arnold B. Trapp and  
Henry A. Slocum.

Falmouth:— Melvin R. Bailey, Alfred T. Ware,  
Lucy C. Goddard, Ellen C. Nichols, Myra  
E. Trapp and Jas. H. Nichols.

Smithfield:— William Aldrich, Mary A. Battey,  
Rebecca R. Atkinson, R. Wheeler Swift,  
Sarah A. Swift and Leland Root.

Vassalboro:— Frank E. Jones, Jonathan Estes, Eliza  
P. Pierce, Elizabeth K. Jones, John Jones  
and Etta S. Estes.

Nov-:- Albert Lyze, Charles E. Peaslee, John E. Kutter,  
Timothy B. Hursey, and Anna M. Hursey.

Fairfield:- Paul King, J. Warren Hawkes, Joseph E. Briggs,  
Henry Winslow, Mary M. Jones of Winthrop Center, A. Edward  
Kelcey, Martha B. Osborne, and Elizabeth M. Hawkes.

Parsonsfield:- John B. Cartland, Silas C.  
Cartland and Melissa S. Dearborn.

whose names being called 35 responded and  
25 were found to be absent.

Excuses were offered for 5 of the absentees.

As we look over our gathered congregation we are  
possibly reminded of the prayer of Moses as recorded in  
the Ninetieth Psalm, where the eternity of God is  
so sharply contrasted with the fragility and brevity of  
man's life. While a thousand years in His sight  
are but as yesterday when it is past and as a watch  
in the night, "the days of our years are threescore  
years and ten; and if by reason of strength they  
be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and  
sorrow; for it is soon cut off and we fly away."

Each year vacant seats bear mute testimony  
to the fact that here we have no continuing city.

But thoughts like these so far from pro-  
ducing any feeling of depression or discouragement  
should simply stimulate each one of us to so put  
on the whole armor of God that at the close of the  
time allotted to us to serve in the church militant  
we may be able to say with the great apostle  
"I have fought a good fight."

May our Meeting on Ministry and Oversight  
this year tend to equip us for still better service  
in days before us. May the new responsibilities  
and duties this Yearly Meeting presents to us be  
met and discharged in the Spirit of Christ  
and to His glory.



We have with us at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends in the Ministry, Harriet Green from London Yearly Meeting, John Henry Douglas from California, Amos M. Kenworthy and Joseph C. Binford from Indiana, Thomas E. Williams from New York and John Fry from Iowa; also of Sophia Matilda Fry as a companion to Harriet Green, and Clarkson H. Parker as companion to Amos Kenworthy.

We desire these dear friends to feel assured that they are most cordially welcomed and we trust they will feel perfectly at home with us.

It is our decision that the reading of their credentials be dispensed with in this meeting but that they be presented by the clerk directly to the Yearly Meeting.

We appoint Henry C. Sydellott, John Elwood Paige, H. Edward Kelsey, Deborah P. Sturton, Myra E. Frye and Ruth S. Murray to prepare a summary of the Reports from our several quarterly meetings on Ministry and Oversight and present the same to our afternoon session.

They in and to 3 o'clock this afternoon

Afternoon

The meeting met pursuant to adjournment.

Henry C. Sydellott on behalf of the Representatives informed the Meeting that they had conferred together and were united in proposing the names of Chas. H. Jones for clerk and that of Alice W. Maxfield for assistant-clerk, which being approved by the meeting these friends were appointed to the respective positions for one year.

The names of Representatives absent at the morning session were called, and seven responded.

The Quercus with a summary of the reports from the several Quarterly Meetings were read.

We were blessed with much <sup>of</sup> sweet and helpful counsel as to how to render our meetings on Thursday and Oversight more efficient.

Benjamin H. Luchblond, Ruth L. Haines, John Spinkett, Chas. W. Chase, Frank E. Jones, Emmeline H. Tuttle, Eliza Rees and Mary E. Miard were appointed as a committee to consider this question of greater efficiency and to report to a future session.

Adjourned. To Seventh day morning  
at 8.45 o'clock.

Seventh day morning, Sixth month 14th;

The meeting met nearly at the time appointed,

The Committee appointed at our last session to consider the question, How shall we render our meetings on Ministry and Oversight more efficient? have presented the following report viz:-

The Committee appointed to consider the Question of how our various meetings on Ministry and Oversight may be made more efficient etc, submit the following suggestions.

It is our judgment that it would be wise  
in this meeting at this time to appoint a com-  
mittee whose duties shall be somewhat as follows:

- (1) To submit to this meeting at its opening next year for consideration during its sessions one or more of the important subjects pertaining to the work of this body in the ministry of the word and the spiritual oversight of the church.
- (2) To arrange, if ways appear, for holding a two or three days conference of the ministers and elders of this Yearly Meeting some time in the near future and at some central place and to prepare a program of subjects and speakers.

- (2) To arrange, if possible, for holding a two or three days continuance of the Ministers and elders of this Yearly Meeting some time in the near future and at some central place and to prepare a program of subjects and speakers.



- (3) To counsel with the subordinate meetings on Ministry and Oversight and assist them in any way advisable to render their meetings more instructive and profitable.
- (4) To study and make report next year on the subject of the death of the ministers among the young people in the Yearly Meeting its causes and possible remedies.
- (5) To consider the advisability of the establishment of a Ministers circulating library and to take steps, if way opens, to begin the creation of one.
- (6) To do what may be possible in co-operation with the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee and the members of such meetings as are declining and are at the point of extinction to bring the influence and strength of the Yearly Meeting to bear in an effort to save and rebuild these meetings.

Submitted, the Committee  
Wm. L. Giddings,

The report is approved and adopted,  
and in accordance with the suggestion therein  
we have appointed C. W. T. Bradley, Rufus M.  
Jones, with S. Harrison, Edward Kellogg, Alfred S.  
Moore, J. Harrison Hawkes, and Oliver H. Maxfield,  
to prepare to a future session names of friends  
for a committee to be charged with the respon-  
sibility of carrying out as far forth as possible  
the suggestions made in the report.

Adjourned to reconvene next morning 9:00 o'clock

Second day was on 9<sup>th</sup> with a month 16<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee to prepare names of friends to be  
not as far as possible the measures adopted at our last  
session propose the following:

Mary E. Mears, Benjamin A. Sueblord, August M. Jones,  
Nellie Rees, Hannah L. Bailey, Alfred S. Hale, Phoebe  
S. Nydellott, Ruth S. Murray, Augustine Jones and  
H. Edward Kelsey.

which are approved by this meeting and these  
friends are accordingly appointed to the service indicated.

The Committee to prepare a Summary of the Reports  
from our Subordinate Meetings has presented the  
the following which is approved, and the Clerk is  
directed to lay the same together with the Minutes on  
the State of Society and the Report of the Committee on  
rendering our Meetings on Ministry and Oversight  
more effective before the Yearly Meeting.

#### Summary of Reports.

The spiritual condition of our membership, as reported by our Quarterly Meetings, is on the whole encouraging. This has been manifested in an increased attendance of meetings and in the development of spiritual gifts. Some meetings, however, report that spiritual gifts of rare quality are not being developed as they should be.

Special meetings have been held during the year in different parts of the Yearly Meeting, with good results.

Generally, throughout the Yearly Meeting, the ministry has been adapted to the needs of the congregation. A few meetings are without officially recognized ministry, but in some of these the membership feel their personal responsibility, with the result that the meetings are held in life and power.

The practice of regular family devotion, with scripture readings, obtains very generally, but there is need of greater faithfulness on this line in some instances.

In the matter of Bible Schools and Christian Endeavor work, there are hopeful indications in many localities.

#### Minute of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

In order that this body may be at its best to perform the duties incumbent upon it, it is necessary that the sense of personal responsibility should be strongly developed and each should be ready to meet all that this personal responsibility involves. No appointment of committees nor manipulation of machinery of any kind can ever accomplish any successful work for God except through individuals who have first heard the voice of the Master saying, "Go ye," and who move in obedience to the impulse thus received. While we press upon ourselves and others the importance of trusting God, it is a question of much greater importance, "Can God trust us?" God, having bestowed upon us gifts according to His will and wisdom, says to us, "Occupy till I come." Only by properly occupying and thus developing these varied gifts, can we hope to grow in grace and in a knowledge of His will.

Our children should be taught at the earliest age at which they are capable of receiving such instruction, that they are indebted to God for all the blessings which they enjoy, and therefore are under obligation to love and serve Him. They should be taught to consult Him in prayer in regard to all their childish interests. The meeting and the Sabbath School should supplement and emphasize the loving instruction of faithful parents, but no parent should endeavor to excuse himself from his duty to his children on account of these secondary opportunities thus afforded. The church should watch over the children with tender solicitude, carefully encouraging the growth and development of all spiritual gifts by speaking the word in season to the possessors of them and affording ample opportunity for the exercise of the same.

While in all generations there have been some men and women richly endowed with intellectual talents, that, consecrated to the service of the Lord, have caused such individuals to shine with great brilliancy and to be of great value to their own and succeeding generations, and while we rejoice in the extensive usefulness of such as these, yet we must ever remember that he who used *two* talents to the best of his ability was commended by the Master equally with him who used the five. We are to institute no comparisons between ourselves and others, but each to shine



to the fullest extent of his capacity, satisfied with nothing short of ever being at his best. That we may be at our best we must be filled with the Spirit, and to be filled with the Spirit we must first be emptied of self.

The stirring and arousing which come to us upon occasions like the present will not be to us a savor of life unto life unless they result in increased activity and greater diligence. Christianity is not a religion simply of emotion and sentiment, but a sincere persistent effort to practically apply the example and teachings of our Master to our daily life in our intercourse with our fellows.

#### Report of Committee.

The Committee appointed to suggest methods for rendering more effective our meetings on Ministry and Oversight submit the following:

It is our judgment that it would be wise for this meeting at this time to appoint a committee whose duties shall be somewhat as follows, viz:

I. To submit to this meeting at its opening session next year, for consideration during its sessions, one or more of the important subjects pertaining to the work of this body in the ministry of the word and the spiritual oversight of the churches.

II. To arrange if way opens for holding a two or three days conference of the ministers and elders of the Yearly Meeting, sometime in the near future, at some central place, and to prepare a program of subjects and speakers therefor.

III. To counsel with the subordinate meetings on Ministry and Oversight and assist them in any way advisable.

IV. To study and make report next year on the subject of the dearth of the ministry among the young people in the Yearly Meeting, its causes and possible remedies.

V. To consider the advisability of the establishment of a ministers' circulating library, and to take steps, if way opens, to begin the creation of one.

VI. To do what may be possible in co-operation with the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee and the members of such meetings as are declining and on the point of extinction, to bring the influence and strength of the Yearly Meeting to bear in an effort to save and rebuild these meetings.

As we approach the close of another Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and look back upon the different sessions we realize that with our human weaknesses and infirmities the Lord has been very patient and has condescended continually to own us as His children and to honor us with His presence.

We gratefully acknowledge the blessings received and trust the year before us may be characterized by individual faithfulness and consequent fruitfulness.

We now conclude purposing to meet at Portland, Maine at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Chas H. Jones,  
Clerk.

At a Yearly Meeting of Friends on  
Ministry and Oversight  
held at Portland Maine. Sixth month 11th, 1903.

For accounts received from our several Quarterly Meetings on  
Ministry and Oversight, it appears that the following named  
Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting viz:-

Rhode Island:- Lemuel C. Lydecott, George B. Williams, Adeline  
F. Chase, Alice L. Earle, Luna R. Williams,  
Abdiah Chase, Christopher A. Shippee and  
Louisa V. Meader.

Maine:- William O. Newhall, Birkbeck Burns, Jennie  
W. Crossman, Chas. A. Jones, Hannah B. Mayfield, Chas.  
H. Thorndike, S. Elizabeth Jones, Sarah W. Brown,  
Mary L. Meader, Susan H. Meader, Sarah A. Lill  
and William Henry Butler.

Sandwich:- Joshua L. Macomber, N. Bervey Wilbur,  
Clara Henderson, William P. Macomber, Mary  
Jane Gifford, Mary E. Gifford, Susan Kirby and  
Esther W. Macomber.

Salem:- Sarah W. Newlin, J. Backer Aspell,  
L. Maria Jones, Isaiah Douglass, Caroline Jones,  
and Chas. A. Nichols.

Southfield:- Deborah P. Atherton, Samuel A. Arnold,  
Sarah L. Swift, Emeline C. Tuttle, Paul A. Randall,  
Alice M. Shaw and Jennie Flynn.

Taunton:- Etta L. Bates, Eliza A. Pierce,  
John Jones, Elizabeth R. Jones, Eudaisia J.  
Trask and Fannie L. Roberts.

River:- John C. Butler, Timothy B. Russell,  
Emma H. Jenness, and Anna M. Russell.



Fairfield: Levi Jones, Mary W. Jones of Winthrop Centre,  
Rhobe M. Hadsworth, E. Edward Kelsey, Hannah  
J. Bailey, J. Warren Hawkes and Mary C. Hawkes.

Barre: John B. Eastland, Mary E. Eastland,  
Elizabeth G. Hader and Melissa S. Pearson.

With grateful remembrance of past favors and blessings  
and with increased confidence and faith for present  
and future needs may we now address ourselves to  
the duties confronting us.

Each year presents new problems which can  
be rightly solved only under divine guidance.

Pure, sound and undiluted Quakerism  
is simply pure and undefiled religion Christianity  
practically applied by us to the age in which we live.

Such Quakerism will continue to exist  
in the world under either that or some other name  
so long as God has a people who are consciously  
led by His Spirit.

We have with us at this time the acceptable  
company of our beloved friends in the ministry  
from other Yearly Meetings as follows, viz:-

Levy H. Risto, New York Yearly Meeting.

Barber James } Indiana " "

Anna May Pemberton }

Edward L. Leach } Kansas " "

Sam. C. Leach }

Robert C. Fretlow Wilmington " "

They are all cordially welcomed and we desire  
that through them the message of the Lord may flow  
without obstruction to us.

The clerk is directed to present their minutes  
to the clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

Chas. W. Goddard, J. Warren Hawley, Alice C. Barker,  
H. Augusta Battery, Alfred T. Hice, Daniel C. Marshall and  
Alice Coleman, are appointed a committee to prepare  
a summary of the reports from our several City Meetings on  
Ministry and Oversight, to present to our afternoon session.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon  
at three o'clock.

Afternoon.

The Meeting met pursuant to adjournment.

Henry C. Lydebatte on behalf of the Representatives  
informed the meeting that they had conferred together  
and were united in proposing the name of  
Chas. H. Jones for Clerk and that of Ray W. Jones  
for assistant clerk; which being approved by  
the meeting these friends were appointed to the  
respective positions for one year.

The names of Representatives not present at  
the opening of the morning session were called  
and we now complete the minutes made at that  
time by saying, whose names being called  
forty-six were present and twelve were absent.

The Queries with a summary of the Reports  
from the several City Meetings, of Ministry and Oversight  
were read.

The clerk is directed to make an abstract  
of the exercise of the meeting and to present it at  
a future session.

Adjourned to Seventh day Morning  
at 5.45 o'clock.



Seventh day morning  
Sixth month 13th,

The meeting met pursuant to adjournment.

The leased minutes from Warronsfield  
St. George, on M.V.C., were received and read at  
this time and the names of their Representatives  
placed with those already recorded.

The Committee under appointment of  
carry out the measures adopted by our last  
Yearly Meeting on M.V.C., to render it possible  
our meetings more effective, have presented  
the following report:-

**TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT:-**

Your Committee appointed last year to have the care of cer-  
tain work specified in the minister of its appointment, presents the  
following report of work undertaken and accomplished:-

1. We submit the following subjects for the consideration of  
this meeting:

- (a) How can we best encourage the practice of family devotions?
- (b) Shall we encourage the holding of special meetings as the  
most effective means of extending the Kingdom of Jesus Christ?
- (c) Should not the Quarterly Meeting and Yearly Meeting on  
Ministry and Oversight have more responsibility in reference to the  
gospel work and services of their respective gatherings than they  
now do?

2. The Committee arranged for a Conference of Ministers, Elders,  
and Christian Workers, which was held at Lynn 12mo. 31st, 1902 to  
1st mo. 2nd. 1903. with the following programme of subjects consid-  
ered and the names of persons leading in the same.

Program:— \*

The attendance of Friends was much larger and more general  
than was anticipated by the Committee, there being over one hundred  
at the first session, with an increase both of attendance and inter-  
est until the last session.

\* Program and Recommendations will be found  
following the Report.



The expenses of this Conference were met by voluntary offerings from the different meetings and individuals in response to a suggestion from a sub-committee on Finance.

The results of the considerations of the various subjects before the Conference are embodied in the following Recommendations through the yearly Meeting.

#### "Recommendations"

4. No one cause can account for the dearth of Ministry among the young people in our Yearly Meeting. Some of the causes are certainly the following:-

(1) Scarcity of young people in those families of Friends from which by reason of heredity and culture the ministry might be expected/

(2) Decline of the place and importance of preaching in our meetings for worship.

(3) The type of the present ministry too often traditional, so not attractive to the young.

(4) Not having schools under our control for the education of those called to the ministry, and not being desirous of encouraging an ignorant ministry, it discourages at the beginning those unfitted educationally.

(5) The teaching prevalent to-day that all time and work is sacred, and that the ministry is not especially so.

(6) The transitional period through which we have been passing, marked by a waning power and stationary membership, is not expected to strongly draw young people to the ministry.

(7) Fear of leadership in organization, unsystematic methods of doing church business, over developement of the individual as the unit of judgment and action in church matters, are some things evident in our Society life to-day, which are not conducive to the development of ministers from among our young people.

Among the possible remedies we suggest:-

(1) First of all there must be a mighty spirit of Prayer that the Lord of the Harvest send forth reapers. This will make a warm, sympathetic atmosphere where it will be easy for the young to feel and respond to the call to the ministry.

(2) The forces and influences set in motion by one generation do not spend themselves at once, nor do they bear their whole fruitage



as soon as set in motion. So the Bible Schools, Missionary work, the Christian Endeavour Societies, and Pastoral care, must not be expected to correct at once the failures of the past; but we believe there is ground for hope in these as regards the ministry.

(3) After the gift of the ministry has been discovered, members of this meeting as well as others, should encourage in every way the most complete preparation possible for the effective exercise of this gift.

5. After the careful consideration of the question of a Ministers Circulating Library, a sub-committee arranged for the creation of one containing about one hundred volumes, and located it for convenience at Friends School, Providence in charge of Caroline R. Jones.

The first books were drawn soon after the first of this year, and thus far, twelve ministers out of the one hundred and two in our Yearly Meeting, have drawn thirty-four books.

The following are the rules for the use of the books and a catalogue of the same:

In conclusion we would recommend that a committee be appointed to have charge of the Ministers Circulating Library and the purchase of new books.

On behalf of the committee,

*Alfred T. Ware*  
Chairman.

*We submit the following report of the Treasurer and recommend that the balance of \$95.24 be turned over to the Library Committee.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS:

From Meetings.....\$79.50

From Individuals.....15.74

\$95.24

**EXPENSES:**

For Lynn Conference.....\$54.20

For Ministers Library.....19.56

\$73.76

Balance on hand.....21.48

\$95.24

*Phoebe S. Aydelott*  
Treasurer of Committee.

*On behalf of the Committee*  
*Alfred Ware*

## Program.

### Fourth Day, Twelfth Month 31st.

#### Afternoon Session.

2 p. m.

Devotional Exercises.

Election of Officers and Appointment of Committees.

The General Condition of Friends and their Work in  
New England at the Present Time.

BENJAMIN F. TRUEBLOOD.

PHEBE S. AYDELOTT.

Discussion. Opened by Frank E. Jones.

3.30 p. m.

The Bible School as a Fundamental Agency in the  
Building Up of the Church.

THOMAS WOOD.

LINDLEY M. BINFORD.

Discussion. Opened by Timothy B. Hussey.

#### Evening Session.

7.30 p. m.

The Position and Duties of Elders.

JOHN ELLWOOD PAIGE.

Christian Work in the New England Country Districts.

GEORGE L. JONES.

The Problem of Our Work in Cities.

JAMES WOOD.

Discussion. Opened by Rufus M. Jones.

### Fifth Day, First Month 1st.

#### Morning Session.

9.30 a. m.

Devotional Exercises.

The Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; What  
it is and What it Ought to be Made.

CHARLES H. JONES.

The Ministry of the Membership.

THOMAS J. BATTEY.

Discussion.



11 a. m.

The Ministry in its Fundamental Aspects.

JAMES WOOD.

What Ministers Should Read and Study.

RUFUS M. JONES.

Discussion. Opened by Delia Rees.

Afternoon Session.

2 p. m.

The Education, General and Special, Needed by Ministers in Our Time.

PROFESSOR M. W. JACOBUS,  
of the Hartford Theological Seminary.

AUGUSTINE JONES.

3.30 p. m.

Need of the Evangelistic Spirit among Friends in New England.

WILLIAM J. SAYERS.

Young People and the Ministry.

CHARLES M. WOODMAN.

Discussion.

Evening Session.

7.30 p. m.

Our Duties as Christian Citizens in Extending the Kingdom of God.

GEORGE L. CROSSMAN.

The Supremacy of Jesus Christ for all Study as well as for all Religious Work.

PROFESSOR M. W. JACOBUS.

Question Drawer. Conducted by John H. Meader.

**Sixth Day, first Month 2d.**

Morning Session.

9.30 a. m.

Devotional Exercises.

How We Got the Bible.

LYRA D. TRUEBLOOD.

Sermons: their Conception and Preparation.

BYRON J. REES.

Manner of Preaching.

MEAD A. KELSEY.

The Minister in the Community.

ALFRED T. WARE.

## Recommendations.

I. The present state of our Society in New England, though not one for entire satisfaction, shows ample grounds for hopefulness and encouragement in renewed efforts for the future. The rapid decline in our membership begun more than half a century ago, has been checked, and for about thirty years the Church has held its own, and much reconstructive work along various lines has been done.

The time is ripe for an advance, and there is an evident awakening to greater earnestness and intelligent direction of energy which promise well for the future.

II. In this progress the work of the Bible School holds a most fundamental place. Not only must we interest our own children in this work at the earliest possible age and hold them there, but both our School and ultimately our Society, must be largely recruited from without. Older Friends also should remain in the Bible School and make it a real source of religious instruction.

III. The elders, overseers and all members of the Pastoral Committee must gird themselves anew for their duties and privileges in sustaining, encouraging and supplementing the ministry, and especially in the shepherding and instruction of the flock. It is in the spiritual life, energy and devotion of this body that the future of our Church must place its great hope.

IV. The Meetings of Ministry and Oversight throughout the Yearly Meeting are urged to take up and discuss from month to month the various problems of practical work in their meetings and in the community.

To aid the Local and Quarterly Meetings of Ministry and Oversight in commencing this practical work we suggest the following subjects for consideration:

1. Which is more effective in bringing persons to decide for Christ—series of meetings or personal work in families?
2. How may the ministry be made more efficient, both in matter and manner, so as to meet the needs of this community?
3. Outlying districts where Gospel work should be done.
4. Openings for new Bible Schools.
5. Organization of the membership for practical work.
6. Manner of conducting public services.
7. How can we best encourage the practice of family devotions?
8. Societies of young people and their work.
9. How may the Church meet the Social needs of the community?
10. Are our children becoming Christians and entering the Society?

V. The ministry, in addition to the essentials of a well-considered call, and ever-renewed baptism of the Spirit and an entire consecration to the work, should be strengthened intellectually in every way in order that its authority, leadership and usefulness may be increased rather than lost by the trend of modern thought.

To this end college and special religious training are urged wherever possible, and prayerful, persistent reading, study and thoughtful observation are recommended to those already in the field. It is hoped that all ministers will make much use of the circulating library just established and located for convenience at Friends School, Providence.

Inspiration for the message should be prayerfully sought and the soul always kept open toward God for suggestions, while every resource of the mind and character should be used to bring it home to the hearers.

VI. The supremacy of Jesus Christ in all things as the object of all our study and the foundation of all authority both of faith and works was most profoundly and sympathetically presented. And it is hoped that this attitude toward our Lord Jesus Christ may characterize the work of all the meetings and members in our Yearly Meeting.

In closing the labors of the Conference and separating for our respective fields, we would look reverently to God to anoint and strengthen us by His Spirit for the effective carrying out in the promotion of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, the important practical lessons which He has so clearly and forcibly impressed upon us.

On behalf of the Conference,

ALFRED T. WARE, Chairman.

\* The foregoing Report has been read and approved and in accordance with the recommendation therein contained we now appoint Daniel C. Maxfield, Percy J. Meader, Phoebe S. Lydenbott, L. Edward Kelsey, Myra E. Cope and Mary E. Mears to nominate a Committee to have the care of the Ministers Circulating Library now formed.

Adjourned to Second day morning  
at 8:45 o'clock

\* The above nominating Com. were requested also to present names of friends for a loan to care for the work assigned to the Com. of last year.



Second day Morning Sixth Month 15th.

The meeting met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee to nominate a Committee  
to have the care of the Ministers Circulating Library,  
also a General Committee to care for the remainder of  
the work assigned to the Com. of last year have presented  
the following viz:-

Library Committee.

For three years { John Wood Paige  
Charles H. Woodman

For two years { Walter L. Foster  
Mead A. Bailey

For one year { Phoebe L. Hyatt  
J. Warren Howes.

General Committee

For three years { Benjamin F. Wood  
John L. Bailey  
Rufus W. Foster

For two years { Oliver L. Foster  
George L. Jones  
Ch. Edward Wilson

For one year { Mary E. Jones  
Edward L. Howes  
Augustine Jones

which are approved, and the friends  
named are accordingly appointed as  
proposed.

It is the decision of this meeting that the com-  
munication from Rhode Island Title Society on  
M. & C. in regard to the books in the Library be  
referred to the Library Committee.

The meeting then entered upon the consideration of the first question proposed by the Com. viz:-

How can we best encourage the practice of family devotions?

Harvey R. Keates of N. H. Yearly Mtg opened the discussion and was followed by several other friends.

Many practical and helpful suggestions were presented. First of all God in the heart of the father and mother bringing them under a sense of responsibility for their children and for other members of their family. The children should be encouraged to take a part in the devotional exercises and should be taught that God is a loving Father and it is the privilege of even little children to say "Thank thee" to Him.

Simplicity, variety and brevity should characterize family prayers, so that such seasons should not be burdensome.

Adjourned to third day morning at 9 o'clock.

Third day morning, Sixth month 16th.

Meeting met as per adjournment.

The consideration of the second question as proposed by the Com. was now entered upon.

Shall we encourage the holding of special meetings as the most effective means of extending the Kingdom of Christ?

The subject was opened by H. A. Kelley followed by others. Many excellent and convincing reasons were given for holding such special meetings for the revival of the Church and the impartment of the universal.

God has always blessed these efforts when the workers have allowed him to direct them in the service.

The block was dissolved & lay before the Yearly Meeting a Summary of the reports on the State of Society as presented to this meeting together with an Abstract of the exercises of this meeting while the Queries and Reports were being considered.



### Summary of Reports to Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The meetings for worship in our several congregations give evidence of spiritual conditions which, with some exceptions, are encouraging. Some meetings express the felt need of more public ministry. The attendance is good on the Sabbath in most of our meetings.

Some of our members evidently fail to realize how much they lose of that which ministers to spiritual growth by failing to attend meetings for worship and discipline held in the middle of the week.

The Christian Endeavor Societies within our limits are doing much for the edification and strength of the church. An increased interest in both Home and Foreign Missions has been manifested in many of our meetings.

Some of our meetings report special efforts made to establish their membership in the principles of the Gospel as held by Friends.

Our ministry, so far as reported, is sound and edifying and adapted to the needs of the congregations where it is exercised.

There are indications of the development of spiritual gifts for service which are being properly encouraged.

### Minute of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

We should practically as well as theoretically recognize the fact that as Christians our temporal affairs, which we sometimes term secular, are in reality as much religious affairs as family devotions or the attendance of meetings for worship, all being the Lord's business for the right performance of which we are directly responsible to Him. Only thus can these temporal and eternal interests be made helpful each to the other. Keeping the truth constantly before us that all our business is the Lord's business, we shall not find it so difficult as many at present do to attend our mid-week meetings both for worship and for the business of the church. No church can exist without an organization, and no organization can continue except by the expenditure of time, thought and service of some person or persons. As Christians we have no right selfishly to enjoy the results of the self sacrifice and devotion of others in any organization, while unwilling to contribute our part of self sacrifice and devotion toward the maintenance of that organization. More than this, evidence is not lacking that frequently, when people have made what seemed at the time quite a sacrifice in order to attend a mid-week meeting, they have discovered that He who saw the end from the beginning had overruled so that they were not only spiritually enriched by their obedience to what they believed to be right, but they had also been enriched in their temporal affairs. God is still able to "bless the little or blast the much," according to His infinite love and wisdom.

Members of the Christian Endeavor Societies were reminded that an important part of their pledge was to attend the mid-week meetings of their own denomination.

The Church as a body should support her ministers, not simply by supplying their temporal needs as occasion may require, but in a larger and broader sense, by emphasizing their teaching and discountenancing in every way all improper criticism of their ministry. No apparent lack on the part of the church, however, can ever justify rebellion on the part of any individual against the revealed will of God. A man's gift, exercised in humility and in the fear of the Lord, will always make room for him, and God will supply all of his needs. The purpose for which the church was called into existence is first to disciple men. In order to do this every gift in the ministry should be most carefully developed. The Church must not pauperize herself by continually receiving without giving. Were we as Christians conscientiously faithful to give to the Lord the tithe of our incomes, the treasury would be well supplied, and all necessity for begging for money for the work of the Lord would be obviated.

A sense of increased responsibility rests upon us as we close the sessions of another Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Whatever other influences the year before us may develop, may it be to each one of us a year of closer walking with God, resulting in a deeper and richer spiritual life and consequently greater fruitfulness in His service.

We now conclude our business and meet at Providence, N. H., at the appointed time next year if the Lord permit.  
Signed on behalf of the Meeting,  
Wm. H. Jones, Clerk

At a Yearly Meeting of Friends  
on  
Ministry and Oversight  
held at Providence R. I. Sixth Mo. 23. 1904

By accounts received from our several  
Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight  
it appears that the following named Friends  
have been appointed Representatives to this  
Meeting. viz-

Rhode Island - M Augusta Battey, Sarah J Hannon  
Alice C Earle, Christopher A Shippee  
Abundiah Chace, Mary E Kimber  
and Henry C Aydelott.

Dalton - Alice W Maxfield, Lucy P Osborne  
Jesse McPherson H Elizabeth Jones  
William Henry Butler, William T  
Newhall, and Sarah D Brown.

Dorchester - William Thompson Susan L  
Thompson, Mary E Gifford  
Hannah G Sherrman, Phoebe A L Smith  
Wm P Macomber, Joshua L Macomber  
and Mary Jane Gifford.

Falmouth - Alfred J Ware, Thomas J. Ingram  
M Melvin Bailey, Lucy R Goddard  
Myra E Frize Nellie M. Hussey,  
Charles A Nichols and Narcissa S. Pink-  
ham.

Northfield - Henry D Swift, Samuel A Arnold  
Alborah P Atherton Mary A Battey  
Anna H Aldrich, and Alice M How.

Uxbridge - Favrilla D. Roberts Elizabeth K Jones  
Annie M Priest, and Joseph B Nichols.



Waver - Charles E. Peaslee Julia E. McCader  
Anna M. Hussey and John C. Mutton

Fairfield - Paul Wieg. Joseph E. Briggs.  
Harriet J. Bailey, Mary W. Jones  
& Witherell Curtis. & Warren Hawke  
and Augustus F. Morse.

Parsonsfield - Elias H. Cartland Alice L.  
Filton John B. Cartland and  
Julia A. Remick.

We are again privileged to gather in our  
yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The year to which we looked forward when  
last we met has now its record written.

Many things have come into our experience  
altogether unexpected and possibly not altogether  
such as might seem pleasant nor desirable;  
but as our eye has been fixed upon our  
Savior and Divine Master we have been  
sustained and comforted in the assurance  
that he has <sup>not</sup> led through aught but what he has  
power & control to our good and to his own  
glory. So as we enter upon the duties now  
lying before us may we have courage and  
confidence in our leader, and may we  
be anxious for nothing but that His per-  
fect will may be accomplished in and  
through us.

May the keynote of this and all the sessions  
of this Yearly Meeting, and your individual  
lives be, "Jesus Only".

We have with us at this time the  
acceptable company of our beloved friends  
in the ministry from other Yearly Meetings  
as follows - viz.

Benjamin H. Stevens - New York  
Mary Jane Weaver "

Amos Samuels.  
Walter S. Aldrich

New York -  
Ohio.

Allen Jay  
Oliver White

Indiana  
..

William L. Pearson

Iowa.

Albert A. Bailey

Kansas

We have also Naomi H. Jay an Elder as companion  
her husband, Alley Jay,  
and Anna E. Stark an Elder Indiana.

These are all cordially welcomed and we  
desire that through them the stream of divine  
life may fully flow that we may all may  
be blessed together and that God may be glorified  
amongst us.

The Clerk is directed to present their  
minutes to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

J. Warren Hawkes, Rebecca H. Ewer, Susan  
H. Hoxie, Jennie P. Douglas are appointed  
a Committee to prepare a Summary of  
the reports from our Bible Mts. on Ministry  
and Oversight to present to a future sitting.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock This Afternoon.

The Meeting met pursuant to adjournment

Wm O. Marshall on behalf of the Representatives  
informed this meeting that they had conferred  
together and were united in proposing the  
name of Alfred T. Ware for Clerk, and Mary  
A. Jones of Christof Church for assistant Clerk.  
which being fully united with they were  
appointed to these offices respectively for one year.

The names of the Representatives not



at the morning session were now called and with those present this morning we now record 7 the whole number under appointment 41 present and 13 absent. excuses were offered for 8 of the latter.

The Queries with a Summary of the Reports from the several Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight were read.

The clerk is requested to make an abstract of the exercises of the Meeting and present it to a future session.

Adjourned to Belknap Day Morning at 8:45 o'clock.

The Meeting met pursuant to adjournment. The General Committee reported the subject for consideration this morning:

"What can the members of this Meeting do to promote interest in the ministry among the young people of the young Meeting?" The subject was opened by Bro. Trueblood. We believe that is a question of almost importance now and we must needs not carefully consider it during the year.

Adjourned at 8:45 o'clock Second Day Morning

The Meeting met pursuant to adjournment. The General Committee reports the subject for consideration for the morning -

"Manner of holding public services" with George L. Jones. to open the discussion.

The Committee appointed to have the care of the Ministers Circulating Library reports as follows:-

Report of the Com. for care of Library. The Librarian of the Ministers Circulating Library reports as follows:-

There were 40 books drawn from the Library this year by 13 patrons. A gain of six

books and 1 patron over the previous year.

### Financial Statement -

No expenditures and 1.00 in stamps still in the Treasury.

Respectfully submitted

Coroline R Jones, Librarian

The Committee met during the year, purchased a few books and sent a Circular letter with minutes of the yearly Meeting calling attention to the Library and giving a list of the books added since the printed list was made. In view of the small use of the library made by its patrons, the Committee recommends that its privileges be extended to include all interested Friends in the yearly Meeting who may feel the need for such books.

The number of volumes in the Library is about 65 four of which have been added during the year - as follows:-

Representative men of the Bible  
2 vols.

Geo. W. Nathanson

St Paul The Traveler and Roman Pilgrim

W. M. Ramsey

The Apostolic Church. A. J. Thatcher

### Treasurer's Report.

Amount received from June Treas - 20.28

And Charles M Woodman for books - 5.05

" " " " Postage . 1.68

Bal on hand - \$13.55

Walter S. Meader - Treasurer

The new Committee organized as follows:-

Chairman

Phoebe S. Aydelott

Secy & Treas

Mead A. Kelsey

Librarian

Frances E. Sedgwick

For the Com.

Walter S. Meader, Secy.

which is satisfactory to this meeting. and those whose term of service 4 years is



times are reappointed for three years.  
The Com. now stands as follows:-

For three years      Phebe S Aydelott  
                                 Thomas J Pratty

For two years.      John Ellwood Paige  
                                 Chas. M Woodman

For one year.      Walter S Meader  
                                 Mead A Kelsey

The General Committee to have the care of  
the matters assigned last year as reappointed is  
as follows:-

For three years. Mary E Meads.  
                                 Alfred Ware  
                                 Augustine Jones.

For two years.      Benj F Trueblood  
                                 Hannah Forsailey  
                                 Rufus M Jones.

For one year.      Elmer T. Meader  
                                 George L Jones  
                                 Mead A Kelsey.

The Committee to prepare a summary  
of the reports from our subordinate meetings  
has presented the following, which is satis-  
factory and the Clerk is directed to lay the same  
together with the abstract of the exercises of  
this meeting before the yearly Meeting.

#### Summary of Reports to Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

There is a general tone of encouragement and hopefulness in the reports that come from the Quarterly Meetings. The spiritual life and condition of the congregations is in general equal to that of last year, and in some cases is richer and deeper. There is evidence of a growth in grace and a deepening desire to do the work that shall prove our faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe our ministers are prayerfully engaged in religious work, and desire not only to sow the seed faithfully but also to gather the harvest.

Several of our meetings feel deeply the lack of resident ministers and of pastoral work, and are inclined to indulge a slight feeling of discouragement on this account, while others are endeavoring to meet similar conditions by encouraging and developing the hitherto latent gifts of the membership. Some loving and faithful pastoral work is performed by those not in the ministry.

There are evidences in some of our meetings of the reception of spiritual gifts which are being exercised with encouraging signs of fruitfulness, and some care is taken to develop the same.

#### Minute of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The need of many of our meetings is ministry. There are some that have no one that appears to be called to this work. We are largely responsible for this condition because of our failure to pray for the supply and sufficiently encourage the exercise of the gifts bestowed. Jesus Christ is the great Head of the church, but it has pleased Him to save the world by the preaching of the word. Human leadership under divine direction is needed in all our meetings. He has given some apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers and helpers. When the church fails to recognize this divine plan for carrying on its work, it must and does suffer loss. We would encourage all our meetings to patiently seek for and develop the gifts already bestowed for leadership and service among the membership. We are persuaded there is much latent talent and unused energy that should be brought to the service of the Lord in our various meetings. The exercise of these gifts would quicken many meetings and make them a power for good in their several communities that now do little more than exist.

The Gospel is its own vindication. When we live and hold all our services in the power of God, there will be no doubt as to our place in the world, nor the evidence be lacking of a present message for the world's sin and need. The love of Christ constraining us will win its way to the hearts of men.

Our meetings for worship should be helpful to the young, to those in middle life, to the aged and to the unconverted. One type of meeting will not meet the needs of all these. There must be and there will be a beautiful variety of service under the promptings of the Holy Spirit. All will be fed and be built up in the Lord if all listen and are faithful to His leadings in service.

With deep feelings of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His abundant blessing unto us, we now conclude, purposing to meet at Portland, Maine, at the appointed time next year if the Lord wills.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting  
Alfred Ware, Clerk



At a Yearly Meeting of Friends  
on  
Ministry and Oversight  
held at Portland, Me. 6<sup>th</sup> Mo. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1905

By accounts received from our several  
Quarterly Meetings on Ministry & Oversight it  
appears that the following named Friends  
have been appointed Representatives to this  
meeting:-

Rhode Island - M Augusta Bailey, E Anna  
Fisher, Maud A Kelsey, Henry C  
Aydelott, Alice E. Stevens  
George W. Williams.

Salem. - William O Newhall, Chas. H Jones  
Thomas Wood, Eric Estlin,  
Mary E Niers, Susan H Meader  
Albert C Hill, Chas. J Meader.  
and Alice W Mansfield.

Sandwich - W<sup>m</sup> P. Macomber, Chas. W Goddard  
Susan L Hoxie, Mary E Gifford.  
Phebe A L Smith, W Hervey Wilbur  
Eloise A Hafford, Anna R Holmes.

Falmouth - Chas M Woodman, Alfred Ware  
Chas. J Ingram, Martha R Neve  
Lucy R Goddard, Narcissa S Pinkham  
Myra E Fox, Luella Ayer  
Chas. A Nichols.

Quintfield - Samuel A Arnold, Jennie Allen  
Lauder Fisher, Hattie B Metcalf.  
Leborah Atherton, Abbie E Randall  
Alice M. Snow.

Rover. - Chas. E Peaslee, John C Nutter  
Abner B Nutter, Emma F Jones

Fairfield — Osborn J Hoffman Jos. E Briggs  
J Warren Hawkes. Martha B Colman  
Phoebe M Wadsworth. Mabel E Bailey  
Hannah J Bailey.

Vassalboro — Jedediah J Varney Elizabeth H Jones  
Elna P Peirce Mary E Philbrook  
Anna M Priest. Frank E Jones.

Parsonsfield. Silas H Cartland Julia A Remick  
Elizabeth G. Meader. Melina B Meadon

Once more we are gathered in our  
Society Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, with the  
sense of God's Love over us - not only here today  
but during the past year in the varied experiences  
and trials we have passed. We have realized  
the sweet confidence of the headship of Christ in  
our Assembly renewedly this morning. And this  
has brought us to consider our own responsi-  
bilities in following out His will thus manifested.

The work entrusted to us by the Church is of  
first importance; and if this is realized  
we must know constantly the power of the  
in-dwelling Christ. If the Church is  
made the means of blessing to the world.  
the membership must be saturated with  
the unfailing presence of Jesus Christ the co-worker.

We stand as <sup>they</sup> human leaders, and upon us de-  
volves the responsibility of bringing the  
memberships of the whole Church to this gracious  
experience. May this time spent together  
bless us and prepare us to fulfill His great  
will in our home meetings and thus bring  
the Kingdom of our Lord and Master.

Coming to the understanding arising  
from the meaning of Minute 68 in last  
year's minutes we are united in asking  
the Society meeting for an interpretation of  
the same.



We have with us at this time the acceptable company of our dear friends in the Ministry from other Yearly Meetings as follows:- viz.

Martillia N Cox                      Milton -  
Mary      A Cox                      "

Lucien H Stevens                      New York

John M Watson                      Kansas  
Edward C Cook                      "

Joseph Blackledge.                      Ohio

Edgar H Stranahan                      Wilmington

These are all cordially welcomed and we trust their service may be in the demonstration of the Spirit and with power. Since among us

The clerk is directed to present these minutes to the clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

Chas. H Jones, Alice W Moxfield, Elizabeth C Ever, Alice Coleman, Wilbur Mavis, Chas. W Goddard are appointed a Committee to prepare Summary of the reports from our local Meetings and present at a future sitting.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon

The Meeting met pursuant to adjournment.

Henry C Aydelott on behalf of the Representatives informed this meeting that they had conferred together and were united in proposing the name of Alfred Ware for clerk and that of Mary W Jones of Methodist Center for assistant clerk. which being united with

they were appointed to these offices respectively for one year.

The names of Representatives not present this morning, were now called and we now read the whole number present 43 and 17 absent - names were found for three.

The Minutes with a summary of reports from the several Quarterly Meetings on the 5th were read.

The clerk is requested to make an abstract of the exercises of this meeting and present it to a future sitting.

Adjourned to Seventh Day morning - 8:40

The meeting met as per adjournment.

Walter S. Meader and Mead A. Kelley are appointed members of ministers circulating Library for three years.

Adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Day morning. 8:45

Meeting met as per adjournment.

The Committee on Circulating Library made the following report, which is acceptable to this meeting.

To the Yearly Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Committee on Library submits the following:  
Librarian's report

The total number of books in the Library is 65. Since last year's Meeting 48 books have been drawn by 17 different persons, 11 of whom are ministers. The books most in demand are, "The Revelation Bible," books of sermons and the books especially concerned with the teaching of Christ. At present the meeting supplies



consist of .78 cents in stamps and  
a sufficient amount of this material.

James E. Wheeler  
Librarian

### Treasurer's Report.

There have been no expenditures the past  
year. The amount in the Treasury is \$13.55  
West Kelsey, Mo.

The subject of pastoral work was then  
considered by the meeting.

Adjourned to 8:30 Third day morning.

Met according to adjournment

Olney T. Meader, Geo. L. Jones and  
West A. Kelsey are appointed on  
the General Committee for the term  
of three years.

The Committee to prepare a summary  
of the reports from our subordinate  
meetings has presented the following  
which is satisfactory and the clerk  
is directed to lay the same, together with  
the abstract of the exercises of this  
meeting before the yearly meeting.

#### Summary of Reports to Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The reports from the several Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight indicate that the attendance on First day meetings is well sustained. In some localities deeper spiritual life is percepti-

ble and the exercise and consequent development of the different gifts for service are especially encouraging. The results of evangelistic work in different places are gratifying, as evidenced by the conversion of the unsaved, the building up and establishment of believers, the increased attendance upon the Bible Schools, the gathering of neighbors and friends at cottage prayer meetings, the increased attendance of Friends and others, including children, at public worship, an increased sense of personal responsibility in bringing men to Jesus Christ, and, as will appear in our statistics, a substantial addition to our membership. So far as reported, the ministry seems to be satisfactory and adapted to the needs of the different congregations. A feeling of sympathy with the ministers and a desire to be helped by them appears to prevail. Some lack of harmony is reported from one meeting. Several of the reports indicate a lack of interest in our mid-week meetings for worship and for business.

### Minute of Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

We have been reminded of the great importance of keeping our spiritual vision clear. There may be complete organization, model plans and methods, and yet lack of the essential oneness with God. We cannot invent any substitute for the true worship of God. Imitation of spiritual exercises does not feed the souls of men.

The Christian life is not one of ease and idleness. The demands and needs for sacrifice are as insistent as ever before in our history.

The willingness to suffer as good soldiers must be present in the membership or there will be no gains along substantial lines.

The close relation of family prayer and the call to the ministry has been pointed out, and we feel the importance of making the home the place of worship and service so that the church shall not fail in its mission to the world by lack of succession.

We cannot safely entrust the pastoral care to one person, or expect others to do the service to which all are called. The spiritual life and power of a meeting depends upon individual faithfulness and general participation in the work and service of the church. It is not enough for us to evangelize the unchurched, but to discover their adaptation to special work and by wise supervision lead out into Christian service and established character.

In approaching the close of this meeting we record our appreciation of much that has come to us in the different sessions. While there is danger of dissipation because of the variety of the matters considered we believe we shall carry away very substantial additions to our determination to be and do more than ever before.

We gratefully acknowledge the presence and leadership of Christ and the leadership of the Holy Spirit in our sessions.

We now conclude, purposing to meet at Providence at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

Alfred Ware, Clerk



1906



At a Yearly Meeting of Friends on Ministry  
and Oversight for New England, held in  
Providence, R. I., June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1905.

The clerk and assistant clerk being absent, Thomas J. Battery was appointed to serve for the first session.

By accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings on Ministry & Oversight, their representatives to this meeting are as follows,—

Rhode Island. John S. Kimball, Asenath Tetlow, Lydia E. Drinkwater, Susan Peckham, Hannah P. Ladd, Chas. A. Chace, Obadiah Chace.

Salem. James M. Foster, Daniel C. Maxfield, David M. Edwards, Asenath Wood, Lucy P. Osborne, Abbie D. Beede, Wm. O. Newhall, George L. Williams, Olney T. Meader, Chas. H. Jones, Lindley W. Osborne.

Sandwich. Mary E. Gifford, Anna L. Wood, Rebecca D. Ewer, Edmund Tabor, Elan Henderson, Wm. P. Macomber, Sarah F. Potter, W. Harvey Wilbur.

Falmouth. Chas. M. Woodman, Myra E. Frye, Lottie M. Bailey, Melvin M. Bailey, Chas. H. Nichols, Albert H. Jones.

Smithfield. Saml. A. Arnold, Earl J. Harold, Alice M. Daw, James S. Reed,

Hattie P. Motealf, Mary A. Battery, Abbie J. Randall, Jennie Allen, Leander Fisher, Deborah P. Atherton.

Nassauboro. Frank E. Jones, John Jones, Elizabeth L. Jones, George H. Pope, Annie M. Priest, George L. Jones.

Dover. Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Julia E. Meader, David F. Hussey, Chas. F. Percival.

Fairfield. Jos. E. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey, Head A. Holbey, Eliza M. Hawkes, Mary C. Hawkes, Martha B. Osborne, Paul Wing.

Pawsonfield. Melissa S. Dearborn, Alice S. Meeks, Emily M. Meeks,

whose names being called, all responded except twelve (12).



1900.

We have with us at this time the acceptable company of our dear friends in the ministry from other Yearly Meetings, as follows, viz -

New York. Samuel H. Hodge. Walter H. Commons.

No. CAROLINA. Thomas Mavin.

OHIO. Jefferson W. Ford. He - Fann Ford.

CALIFORNIA. John Henry Langis.

These are cordially welcomed, and we trust their service may be in the demonstration of the Spirit and with power while among us.

The clerk is directed to present their minutes to the clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

Charles H. Jones, Clara Henderson, Liza Eaton, Martha R. Moore, John S. Kimble, Clara W. Mumford, and Alvano C. Goodard are appointed a Committee to prepare a summary of the reports from our local meetings, and present at a future sitting.

Adjourned till three o'clock this afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon, 6<sup>th</sup> mo. 21<sup>st</sup>.

1900.

The meeting met, pursuant to adjournment.

J. Shaker Kimball on behalf of the representatives informed the meeting that they had conferred together and were united in proposing the name of George L. Jones for clerk and that of Clara W. Mumford for assistant clerk, which being approved by the meeting these friends were appointed to their respective positions for one year.

The delayed minutes from Vassalboro and Dover Quarterly Meetings were received and read, and the names of the representatives placed in the list with those already recorded. These names being called, together with the names of those not present at the morning session, it appears that of the sixty-three (63) representatives named forty eight (48) are present and fifteen (15) are absent.

The Queries were read at this session, with a summary of the reports of the different Quarterly Meetings on N. & O.

The clerk is directed to make an abstract of the exercise of the meetings, and to present it at a future session.

Adjourned till Seventh day morning at 8<sup>45</sup> o'clock.



Seventh day morning, 6<sup>th</sup> mo. 23<sup>d</sup>.

The meeting assembled at the time appointed,  
pursuant to adjournment.

A request is received from Salem 2<sup>th</sup>. Mtg. on M. & O.  
to obtain from the Yearly Meeting an interpretation  
of sec. 9, chap. 5 of the Discipline. (p. 23).

The clerk is directed to see that this request is laid  
before the Yearly Meeting. (v. 3 pp. further).

David M. Edwards, Rufus M. Ince, and Hannah J. Bailey  
are appointed on the General Committee of Ministry and  
Oversight for three years, and Charles M. Woodman for  
one year in place of Alfred T. Ware who has re-  
moved from our limits.

The meeting is adjourned till Second day morning  
at 8.45 o'clock.

Second day morning, 5<sup>th</sup> mo. 25<sup>th</sup>.

1800.

Met at the time appointed, pursuant to adjournment.

The report of the Committee having in care the Circulating Library made the following report, which is acceptable to the meeting. We were brought under a deep concern in considering the work of this valuable committee, and in discussing methods of making the work more efficient.

John Ellwood Paige and Charles M. Woodman are appointed members of the Committee for three years.

### Report of Committee.

We regret to report a decline in interest in the library for the past year. But fourteen books have been loaned, and these to six different persons, four of whom are ministers.

The most popular books are "The Expositors' Bible" series, by George Adam Smith.

No money has been drawn from the treasury the past year, the amount on hand being \$13.55

Respectfully submitted,  
Hedra S. Kellogg,  
Sec. & Treas.

The Summary of the Reports from our subordinate Quarterly Meetings on M. & O., as prepared by the committee appointed for that purpose, is herewith given, together with an abstract of the exercise of our various sessions. The clerk is directed to lay these before the Yearly Meeting.

(see next page.)



## Summary of Reports from the Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight.

The spiritual condition of the membership at large is, on the whole, fairly encouraging; still it is evident that there is a lack of that real aggressiveness toward a needy world which should characterize the church of Christ.

The general attendance of our meetings for worship so far as reported is good and the ministry appears to be generally acceptable. More systematic pastoral work is much needed.

Harmony among our members prevails to a gratifying degree. Some lack, however, is noted.

A few conversions are reported and some new work has been undertaken, especially upon Bible School and missionary lines.

## Minute of Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The necessity of personal consecration has been brought home very close to our hearts and souls—not a consecration which is satisfied simply with one's own salvation, but a consecration which sacrifices self and substitutes for the life of goodly ease the life of service. Self-satisfaction in the Christian life ends in stagnation, and stagnation ends in death.

This is a crisis time in our Yearly Meeting. It is a time for deep, serious, prayerful thought as to what Quakerism really stands for, and whether as meetings and as individuals we are holding before the world a religion which really meets its needs.

We must look the fact squarely in the face that if the coming years show no marked advance over recent years in activity, life and numbers, extinction as a religious denomination is sure to come. But all our sessions have been characterized by a note of optimism and hope and the real conviction that we are entering upon a period of greater activity and deeper consecration and more abundant life.

No meeting can be kept alive by the machinery of the Discipline; it cannot be kept alive by the efforts of one or two members. The full and abundant life comes only as there is coursing through every part of the meeting body, through every man and woman, through every committee, every overseer and elder and minister, the rich life-blood of the spirit of our blessed Master. We can never be of service to the world without until we have experienced the life within.

*As our meetings on Ministry and Oversight come to a close, we wish to acknowledge the special blessings which have been ours during these sessions. Messages have come to us straight from God,—clear-cut, vital, breathing the very essence of the self-sacrificing life of Jesus Christ. It has been a season of rich blessing and privilege. It should be followed by a year of responsibility and action. May God forbid that any of us should be forgetful of our trust.*

*We now conclude, purposing to meet at Portland, Maine, at the appointed time next year, if the Lord so will.*

*Signed on behalf of the meeting,  
George L. Jones, Clerk.*

Report from Yearly Meeting as to question raised by Salem Qthly. Mtg. (v. 3 pp. back).

The question raised by Salem Qthly. Mtg. on M. & O. was referred to a committee, which reported, —

"In response to the request from Salem Qthly. Mtg., we recommend that the following clause be inserted in Sec. 1 of chap. 12, Part 2, after the word "members" in the fourth line, namely, — "together with such members as the Monthly Meeting may appoint to co-operate with the Pastoral Committee", so that the first part of said section shall read as follows, —

"Sec. 1. The Local Meeting on Ministry & Oversight is composed of all the Ministers, ~~and~~ Elders and Overseers within the limits of the Monthly Meeting of which they are members, together with such members as the Monthly Meeting may appoint to co-operate with the Pastoral Committee".

This meeting adopts the recommendation of the Committee, as the interpretation of the present Discipline.

From minutes of Yearly Meeting,  
John Ellwood Paige, Clerk.



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At a Yearly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight, held at Portland, Me. 6<sup>th</sup> mo. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1907.

By accounts received from our several Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting, viz—

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| <u>Rhode Island.</u> | M. Augusta Battery, Adeline F. Chace, John S. Kimball, Thos. J. Battery.  |
| <u>Danvers.</u>      | H. Elizabeth Jones, George E. Williams, Jennie W. Crossman, Chas. H. Jones, Alice W. Maxfield, Susan W. Meader, Chas. W. Tharndike, James M. Estes, W. Carlton Jones. |
| <u>Sandwich.</u>     | Chas. W. Goddard, Wm. Thompson, Susan T. Thompson, Enos Harvey, Eliz. A. Gifford, Wm. P. Macomber.  |
| <u>Falmouth.</u>     | Charles M. Woodman, Robert F. Minott, Myra E. Frye, Thos. J. Ingram, Melvin M. Bailey, J. Hacker Hall, Robert H. Jones, Lottie M. Bailey, Narcissa Pirkham.           |
| <u>Smithfield.</u>   | Alice M. Dow, Samuel A. Steward, Deborah P. Estlin, Earl J. Harold, Nathan Babcock, Sarah Marble Shedd, Jennie Selby.   |
| <u>Vassalboro.</u>   | Ann M. Priest, Flavilla S. Roberts, Linwood W. Jones, J. Robert Jones, Luella E. Jones, Frank E. Jones.   |
| <u>Dover.</u>        | John C. Nutter, Walter S. Meader, Sarah V. Meader, Anna M. Hussey.  |
| <u>Fairfield.</u>    | J. Warren Hawkes, Esther B. Lewis, Joseph E. Briggs, Martha B. Osburne, Eliz. A. Taylor, Olive M. Tuttle, Eliz. M. Hawkes.  |
| <u>Parsonsfield.</u> | Phoebe L. Pope, Melvina S. Dearborn, Harriet E. Cutland, Joseph J. Cartland.  |

The names of the above representatives being called, thirty two (32) responded.



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We have with us at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends in the Ministry from other Yearly Meetings, as follows, viz.

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| New York Yearly Meeting, | Mary Jane Weaver.   |
| Ohio       "       "     | William P. Pinkham. |
| Iowa       "       "     | Ellison R. Purdy.   |

These are cordially welcomed, and we desire that they and we may be mutually helpful, and may be blessed and strengthened for the service of our Master.

The clerk is directed to present their minutes to the clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

Chas. W. Goddard, Wm. Thompson, Susan T. Thompson, Mead S. Halsey, Thos. J. Battey and Anna W. Paige are appointed a Committee to prepare a summary of reports from our several Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, to present at our afternoon session.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon at three o'clock.

Fifth day afternoon, 6th mo. 20th.

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The meeting convened, pursuant to adjournment.

Chas. H. Jones, on behalf of the representatives, informed the meeting that they had conferred together and were united in proposing the name of George H. Jones for Clerk, and that of Clara W. Mumford for assistant clerk, which, being approved by the meeting, these Friends were appointed to their respective positions for one year.

The names of representatives not in attendance at the opening session were called, and with those present this morning it appears that of the fifty six (56) under appointment forty three (43) are present and thirteen (13) are absent.

The Queries were read at this meeting, with a summary of the reports from the different Quarterly Meetings on M. & O.

The subject for special consideration this afternoon, as provided by the General Committee on Ministry and Oversight, was as follows, - "Evangelism in New England, its needs and opportunities". The discussion was opened by Thomas Wood, who laid very clearly before us the needs of the various meetings of our body, and who made many valuable suggestions by which these needs can be met.

The Clerk is directed to make an abstract of the exercise of the meetings, and to present it at a future session.

Adjourned till Seventh day morning, at 8<sup>45</sup> o'clock.



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Seventh day morning, 6<sup>th</sup> mo. 22<sup>d</sup>.

The meeting assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

Mary E. Miers, Thomas J. Battey, and I. Warren Starks are appointed on the General Committee on Ministry and Oversight for three years; John A. Meader is appointed for one year, in place of our deceased friend, Oliver T. Meader.

The Committee having in care the Circulating Library made the following report, which is acceptable to the meeting, and the Clerk is directed to lay the same before the Yearly Meeting, in connection with the minutes of this body.

John Ellwood Paige and Chas. M. Woodman are appointed as members of the Committee for three years.

#### Report of Committee on Circulating Library.

At the Yearly Meeting held in Providence last year it was decided to permit ministers and workers to make small selections of books, and to retain them for the year, unless called for by the Librarian. About ten persons improved this opportunity, and the results have been eminently satisfactory. All but two books so taken have been returned, and the two are out with the consent of the Librarian. Six books have been drawn since that time.

Five books have been added to the library during the year, three by donation and two by purchase.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance from last year of \$13.55, expenditures during the year \$1.67, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$11.88.

For the Committee,

Mead A. Kelsey, Sec.

The meeting discussed at this time the second subject offered by the General Committee, viz. — "The Function of the Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight". Rufus H. Jones said very clearly before us the duties of this body, and many helpful and valuable suggestions were made by him and others.

The Summary of the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, as prepared by the Committee appointed for that purpose, is herewith given, together with an abstract of the exercise of our various sessions. The Clerk is directed to lay these before the Yearly Meeting.

### Summary of Reports from the Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight.

Nearly all of the reports show an increase of attendance upon meetings for worship, and in some meetings the number of young people has increased. Growing spiritual life is manifested in various lines of service. In some cases it is shown by a larger attendance at the Bible School and a deeper appreciation of the truths as taught there. In others more interest is felt in the evening devotional meetings, and in the Christian Endeavor Society with its departmental work. There is also an evident development of gifts among those who are interested in home and foreign missions and other beneficent work.

A number of our smaller meetings are being revived and strengthened by pastoral assistance extended by stronger meetings and by the Evangelistic Committee. Others in sore need of help express a hope of such assistance.

The following paragraph from one of the reports may be taken as stating the situation existing in the larger part of our Yearly Meeting: "Here is the three-fold need before the Quarterly Meeting, first, the indifferent in our several communities; second, the weaker meetings of our own body; third, the call for help from other lands. To see this is one thing, to attempt with increasing earnestness is a better thing, and the Yearly Meeting is certainly being blessed in entering these doors."

### Minute of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Religion is a practical business; we ought to devote to it more serious thought and prayer. We should from time to time examine our spiritual accounts, and determine whether as individuals and as meetings we are making the gain and progress that we should. If there is no gain in spiritual life and power, there is something wrong and we should exercise as much care as would a practical business man to determine where the difficulty lies. It is useless for us to offer our many prayers for the extension of God's kingdom, or for our own spiritual development, and then with hands still folded expect God to accomplish through someone else the work which He intended that we should do. Our Master's work cannot be accomplished with idly folded hands. It is seldom that God fails to bestow upon man the ability to answer his own prayers.

It is probably true that we do not possess enough of the spirit of evangelism. We are not enough in earnest for the salvation of souls. We are too easily satisfied with the dead level experience. We have no right to be satisfied unless we can see from year to year an advance along those lines for which the church is organized. We should recognize the brotherhood of all mankind, and appreciate the priceless worth of an immortal soul. The world about us will not be saved if we as a church, gathering about us the robes of our respectability and self-righteousness, pray ever so devoutly for a miraculous visitation of God's spirit upon the souls of unsaved men. We need a broader sympathy for suffering humanity. God will never make of us a great people until we are large in heart and large in mind.

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The prayer has been frequently expressed in our sessions that God would quicken among our membership the gift of the ministry. The call to God's service is an exalted call. We should encourage and develop among our young people every possible talent.

Our local Meetings on Ministry and Oversight should be pre-eminently practical meetings in which the conditions and needs of the local communities should be prayerfully and earnestly considered, and particular, definite, and practical means should be devised by which the work and value of every meeting can be extended. The Pastoral Committee should be the center of efficiency of the whole church.

We now conclude, purposing to meet at the appointed time and place next year, if the Lord so will.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,  
George Jones, Clerk.

NOTE. It will be noted that the final adjournment took place on Seventh day instead of the following Second-day as arranged in the Calendar; the pressure of important business in the Yearly Meeting made it seem wise to omit the Second day session of the Meeting on M. & O.

L. B. J.

The  
Yearly Meeting of Friends  
for New England



PROGRAMME



PORTLAND, MAINE, SIXTH MONTH  
1907



### Fifth Day, Sixth Month 20th

- 9.00 a. m. Meeting for Ministry and Oversight  
3.00 p. m. Meeting for Ministry and Oversight  
Subject for Consideration: "Evangelism in New England, its Needs and Opportunities"  
7.30 p. m. Public Meeting for Worship  
8.00 p. m. Meeting of Permanent Board



### Sixth Day, Sixth Month 21st

- 6.30 a. m. Devotional Meeting  
9.00 a. m. Business Meeting  
Roll Call of Representatives, Receiving Visiting Ministers, Reports from Quarterly Meetings, Foreign Epistles, Etc.  
2.00 p. m. Annual Meeting of W. F. M. S.  
2.00 p. m. Public Meeting for Worship  
3.30 p. m. Business Meeting  
Reports of Boarding Schools, Committees on Education and Freedmen  
7.45 p. m. Public Meeting on Peace and Arbitration  
Chairman, Benjamin F. Trueblood  
Speakers, William Loyd Garrison  
William G. Hubbard



### Seventh Day, Sixth Month 22nd

- 7.45 a. m. Devotional Meeting in the Interest of Missions  
8.45 a. m. Meeting on Ministry and Oversight  
Subject for Consideration: "The Function of the Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight"  
10.00 a. m. Business Meeting  
Report of Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee, Minutes of Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, Summary of Reports from Quarterly Meetings on State of Society

2.00 p. m. Society of Christian Endeavor Business Meeting  
Annual Reports of All Departments

2.00 p. m. Public Meeting for Worship

3.30 p. m. Business Meeting

Reports of Foreign Mission Board, Committees on  
Western Indians and on African Industrial Mission,  
and W. F. M. S. Society

7.45 p. m. Society of Christian Endeavor Public Meeting

Addressed by A. Edward Kelsey, Supt. of Friends  
Mission, Palestine



### First Day, Sixth Month 23rd

8.45 a. m. Bible School

Opening Exercises: "Outline of Book of Exodus"  
by Thomas J. Battey. Bible Classes: Young Peo-  
ple's Class, Teacher, Clarence B. Washburn, Sec.  
of Mass. Baraca Union; Adult Class, Teacher,  
Chas. M. Woodman; Primary Class. Closing Ex-  
ercises, conducted by George L. Crossman.

10.30 a. m. }  
3.30 p. m. } Public Meetings for Worship  
7.30 p. m. }



### Second Day, Sixth Month 24th

7.45 a. m. Devotional Meeting

8.45 a. m. Meeting on Ministry and Oversight

10.00 a. m. Business Meeting

Reports of Committees on Bible Schools, Peace,  
Temperance and Purity, and the Society of Chris-  
tian Endeavor

2.00 p. m. Public Meeting for Bible Schools

Addresses: "Bible Study" by James Alexander, Pas-  
tor First Presbyterian Church, Boston; "Evangelism  
in the Bible School" by William Overlock of Ameri-  
can S. S. Union

3.30 p. m. Business Meeting

Report of Committee on Correspondence

7.45 p. m. Public Missionary Meeting

Addresses by A. Edward Kelsey of Palestine.  
Dr. DeForest of Japan



### Third Day, Sixth Month 25th

7.45 a. m. Devotional Meeting

10.00 a. m. Business Meeting

Reading of Records of Permanent Board, Report of Finance Committee for 1905-6, Recommendations of Finance Committee for 1906-7 with Treasurer's Report, Report of Auditors

2.00 p. m. Public Meeting for Worship

3.30 p. m. Business Meeting

Report of Committee on Mosher Fund, Report of Board of Care and Relief, Unfinished Business

7.30 p. m. Public Meeting on Temperance

Address by Rollin O. Everhart, Supt. Maine Anti-Saloon League





1908 →

At a Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ministry  
and Oversight, held at Providence, R. I.,  
Sixth Month 23<sup>d</sup>, 1908.

By accounts received from our several Quarterly Meetings  
in Ministry and Oversight, it appears that the following  
Friends have been appointed as representatives to this  
meeting, viz.,—

Rhode Island. Samuel H. Hodge, Annie C. Sherman, John S.  
Kimber, C. Annab Tucker, Ellen M. Waters, Carrie G.  
Buffinton, Rachel P. Chase, George B. Evans, Charles A. Chase,  
Hannah P. Ladd, M. Augusta Battery and L. Oscar Moore.

Alton. Daniel C. Maxfield, Charles A. Thordike, Alice K.  
Jones, Susan H. Meader, Anna R. Williams and  
Mary E. Mear.

Andover. Hannah A. Sherman, William K. Thomas,  
Mary Abbie Smith, Wm. P. McFarland, Elizabeth A.  
Lifford, and Mary Jane Lifford.

Falmouth. Melvin M. Bailey, Lettie M. Bailey, Myra C.  
Fry, Martha K. Moore and Frances J. Ingram.

Smithfield. Samuel A. Small, Sarah J. Swift, Henry  
E. Babcock, Nathan Babcock, Alice M. Dow,  
Dorothy Swift and Deborah P. Atherton.

Passapatanz. Elizabeth K. Jones, Mary P. Jones, Lillian T.  
Jones and Mary H. Pope.

Dover. Timothy B. Mussey, Charles E. Peaslee, John  
Howard, Anna M. Mussey and Eva Howard.

Fairfield. Mabel A. Kelley, Mary W. Jones, Joseph C. Briggs,  
Clara W. Mumford, Mabel G. Bailey, Orlando C. Williams,  
Hannah J. Bailey and Martha B. Osborne.

Parsonsfield. Phoebe L. Pope, Emily M. Jones and William S. Denbow.



Minutes have been received from our various Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, and the Clerk is directed to hand to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting a record of the changes in the ministry, as reported in these minutes.

We have with us at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends in the ministry from other Yearly Meetings as follows, viz. —

Charles C. Tenbrette, } Indiana.  
J. Adelbert Wood, }

These are cordially welcomed. We are thankful for their presence amongst us, and pray that their service in our meetings and in such other meetings as are privileged to receive them may be richly blessed of the Master.

The Clerk is directed to present their credentials to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

The following Friends are appointed as a Committee to prepare a summary of the reports from our several Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, to present at the Annual session, —  
Wm. G. Williams, Alice R. Jones,  
Thomas J. Bailey and Oliver A. Hafford.

The reading of the reports of the spiritual life of our meetings led us to an earnest, sincere and heart-searching discussion of the needs of our Yearly Meeting, and the possibilities and duties.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon at three o'clock.

To the bands of faithful Friends who under many discouragements have maintained the meetings for worship often in small numbers and in remote districts, the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight assembled in Providence sends cordial greetings.

As the reports have come up from the various meetings we have been brought into much sympathy with you and have felt an earnest desire to strengthen your hands and cause you to feel that the great hope of our Society lies in just this very thing--maintaining the glow of spiritual health and service in all the centers where Friends are found.

We know that many of these centers have a small membership and are often without much help in the ministry. The claims of these have been brought especially to our notice and an earnest purpose begotten to relieve the situation as far as possible. But while suitable help from without is very desirable, it must be borne in mind that it will count for little unless there is a nucleus of faithful spirits to prepare the way and afterward utilize the aid received.

We therefore bid God speed to all those who have a genuine concern for Truth, and especially those who are not privileged to catch the inspiration that comes from attending the Yearly Meeting.

Hold fast in your good work, and seek ways of utilizing and thereby increasing all the spiritual ability in old and young that can be found in your different circles, and you will know of a growth that will count for much in your own lives, and its aggregate effect in a spiritual uplift of the Yearly Meeting will surpass your expectation.

In conclusion we commend to your attention with our hearty endorsement the following extract from one of the reports:

"The Church of God moves forward now by special seasons of refreshing, now by the manifest faithfulness of its membership in the regular channels of Christian activity, so that religious life springs up and unfolds unto spiritual beauty as quietly as the green of springtime clothes the fields and the forests. In so far as we may report progress during the year it has come to us in this way."

On behalf of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight,

GEORGE L. JONES, Clerk.

Providence, R. I.,

6th month, 24th, 1808.





Third day afternoon, 6<sup>th</sup> mo. 23<sup>d</sup>.

The meeting assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

Timothy B. Hussey, on behalf of the representatives, informed the meeting that they had conferred together and were united in proposing the name of George H. Jones as Clerk and Clara W. Mumford as Assistant Clerk, which being united with, they were appointed to these offices for one year.

The names of representatives not present at the morning session were now called, and with those present this morning it appears that of the fifty-six under appointment 43 are present and 13 absent.

The queries were read at this time; also a summary of the reports from the several Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, together with a message to the congruous saints who by their faithfulness are maintaining the meetings at home. The meeting decided that this letter be printed and copies be sent as early as possible to all the local meetings. Charles A. Chace and Charles C. Chace are appointed as a Committee to attend to this matter.

As arranged by the General Committee on Ministry and Oversight, the subject for special consideration at this session was, - An Adequate Supply of Ministers for Meetings of the Holy Spirit. An able and comprehensive paper was read by David M. Edwards, which was followed by a free and honest discussion on the part of the meeting.

Adjourned to meet on Fifth day morning, 1845.



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Fifth Day morning, 5<sup>th</sup> mo. 25<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting closed, pursuant to adjournment.

The following named friends are appointed on the General Committee on Ministry and Oversight for three years, - John W. Meader, George H. Jones and Elam Henderson.

The report of the Committee having the care of the Ministers' Library was read at this time, and was acceptable to the meeting. The Clerk is directed to lay the same before the Yearly Meeting.

Phebe C. Aydelott and Thomas J. Batley are appointed as members of this Committee for three years, and Mary S. Lifford for one year, in place of Mead A. Kelsey.

#### Report of Ministers' Library Committee.

To facilitate the circulation of books, the committee shipped the library to Portland a year ago at the time of the Yearly Meeting, and as is shown by the following report of the librarian the results were satisfactory.

##### REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

At the time of the last Yearly Meeting, twenty-four books were taken from the Ministers' Library. The list of these books was unfortunately lost in the mail. Word was sent to each Quarterly Meeting, asking those holding books either to return them or to let the librarian know where they were. In this way all but six have been accounted for. We hope that these will appear at this session of the Yearly Meeting.

Thirteen books have been taken from the library during the year, making a total of thirty-seven in circulation.

The following new books have been added: "God's Message to the Human Soul," Watson; "Christ and the Eternal Order," Buckham; "Peasantry of Palestine," Grant; "Students and the Modern Missionary Crusade," Nashville Convention, 1906; "The True Church," Allen Macy Dulles; "The Pastor and Modern Missions," John R. Mott.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES E. WHEELER, Librarian.

The Treasurer's report is as follows:

| RECEIPTS.            |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| From last year,      | \$11.88       |
| A Friend,            | 5.00          |
|                      | <hr/> \$16.88 |
| DISBURSEMENTS.       |               |
| Freight and Postage, | \$ 3.44       |
| New Books,           | 6.50          |
|                      | <hr/> 9.94    |
| Balance in treasury, | <hr/> \$ 6.94 |

MEAD A. KELSEY, Secretary and Treasurer.

PHEBE S. AYDELOTT, Chairman.

1938

The summary of the reports from the Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, as prepared by the Committee appointed for that purpose, is herewith given, together with an abstract of the exercise of our various sessions. The Clerk is directed to lay these before the Yearly Meeting.

### Summary of Reports of the Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight.

The attendance upon meetings for worship appears to be well maintained, and some meetings report a growth in numbers. One report speaks of special meetings for children and others of this nature are in contemplation.

The interest among the young people in our various lines of Christian work seems to be on the increase. Some reports note special interest in Bible school work, others speak specially of foreign missionary interest and Christian Endeavor work, while one report mentions philanthropic work among the very poor. Conversions are reported in several Bible schools which have resulted in additions to the church.

A spirit of hopefulness appears to be quite general and a number of meetings report a growth of spiritual life. One meeting reports evidence of the development of spiritual gifts and speaks of an effort to deal wisely with such.

An encouraging feature is that in a number of small meetings, the faithfulness of members supplemented by occasional help from visiting ministers, has enabled them to maintain profitable meetings. A few meetings express their sense of need for pastoral aid.

The following paragraph taken from one of the reports, we believe fairly states our method of work. "The church of God moves forward now by special seasons of refreshing, now by the manifest faithfulness of its membership in the regular channels of Christian activity, so that religious life springs up and unfolds into spiritual beauty as quietly as the green of the springtime clothes the fields and the forests." In so far as we may report progress during the year, it has come to us in this way.

### Minute of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The three sessions of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight have been characterized by honest and sincere discussion of our needs. Our denomination, as does every other, has its peculiar problems to solve, but there has been noticeably manifest, a disposition to face these problems squarely.

The key note of our opening meeting was the prayer that our lives might gain in strength and power, even as did the life of Jesus Christ, and might open out and develop along the broadening lines of ministry, service and self-sacrifice, that we might be enabled to lay firm hold on the great Divine purpose of our lives for which God has laid hold of us.

The religion of Jesus Christ is not one of ceremony or generality; it is a religion of the personal self. It applies, of course, to the world at large, but it applies first of all to the soul life of the individual; and the great movements of the world in philanthropy and sociology and the betterment of man have their initial rise in a consecrated, Christ-filled personality.

We still lack the spirit of evangelism; we lack the spirit of those of old whom Jesus Christ exalted, who went out to seek the lost. The phenomenal success of early Quakerism lay in this, that Fox had the spiritual vision to see what his age really needed, and the gospel as he preached it, supplied this need. The ministry of the twentieth century must adapt itself to twentieth century needs. The world conditions now are vastly different from those of two centuries ago. The social problems have changed; our horizon is broader; man has developed tremendously in scientific knowledge, in discovery and invention, in reasoning power, in ability of mind. We must present a gospel which appeals to the thinking, reasoning man. Our ministry must adapt itself to the age, study diligently its needs, face squarely the problems, and pray earnestly for the consecrated ability to present a message which will grip men's souls.

But God still lives, and God still loves. There is still hunger in the heart of man for this abundant, personal love of God. In spite of his philosophy and reasoning, and even of his professed unbelief, man will still listen to a gospel which is pure and undefiled, the simple gospel of the cross of Christ, if preached by one who has felt its power in his soul and who evidences it in his life. The world today needs not so much lofty oratory or fine sermonizing or keen philosophy, but it does need the evidences of the love of God in the words and hearts and lives of his followers.



The meeting has been under a deep concern that there be a larger provision for the religious and devotional interests of our Yearly Meeting, and we recommend that the Yearly Meeting appoint a Committee which should act with the Committee of Arrangements in having the care of these interests in the future.

Through the privilege of God we have been permitted to attend again the sessions of our Yearly Meeting and Ministry and Oversight. It has been a season of inspiration, of deep searching of heart, of a broader vision of the purpose of life, and, we trust, of deeper consecration and baptism into the spirit of the Master. May the year which follows be one of honest effort, of devoted service and of Christ-like sacrifice.

We now conclude, purposing to meet at Portland, Me., at the appointed time next year, if the Lord so will.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

George L. Jones, Clerk.

PROGRAMME

# Friends' Yearly Meeting

HELD AT

Moses Brown School

PROVIDENCE, R. I.,

Sixth Month,

1908



THIRD DAY, 23<sup>D</sup>

- 9.00 A. M. MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT. Reports and General Business.
- 3.00 P. M. MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT. Paper by DAVID M. EDWARDS of Boston. Subject "An Adequate Supply of Ministers for the Meetings of New England Yearly Meeting." Discussion of the subject.
- 7.30 P. M. PUBLIC MEETING FOR WORSHIP.
- 8.00 P. M. MEETING OF PERMANENT BOARD.

FOURTH DAY, 24<sup>TH</sup>

- 6.30 A. M. DEVOTIONAL MEETING.
- 9.00 A. M. BUSINESS MEETING. Roll Call of Representatives. Receiving Visiting Ministers. Reports from Quarterly Meetings. Foreign Epistles. Reading Records of Permanent Board.
- 2.00 P. M. ANNUAL MEETING OF WOMENS FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.
- 2.00 P. M. PUBLIC MEETING FOR WORSHIP.
- 3.30 P. M. BUSINESS MEETING. Reports of Moses Brown School, Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, Committee on Education and Committee on Freedmen. Edgar A. Long, Superintendent of the Christiansburg Freedmen's School will speak on the work of that school.
- 7.45 P. M. PUBLIC MEETING ON EDUCATION. JOHN ELLWOOD PAIGE, Chairman.
- Addresses.
- L. HOLLINGSWORTH WOOD of New York.  
"Historical and Religious Aspects of Education."
- CLARENCE M. CASE of Moses Brown School, Providence.  
"Social Aspects of Education."

FIFTH DAY, 25<sup>TH</sup>

- 7.45 A. M. DEVOTIONAL MEETING IN INTEREST OF MISSIONS.
- 8.45 A. M. MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.
- 10 00 A. M. BUSINESS MEETING. Report of Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee, Minutes of meeting on Ministry and Oversight, Summary of Reports from Quarterly Meetings on State of Society.
- 2.00 P. M. PUBLIC MEETING FOR WORSHIP.
- 3.30 P. M. BUSINESS MEETING. Reports of Foreign Mission Board, Committee on Western Indians, African Industrial Mission Board, and Women's Foreign Missionary Society.
- 7 45 P. M. PUBLIC MEETING ON PEACE AND ARBITRATION. BENJAMIN F. TRUEBLOOD of Boston, Chairman. Address by WILLIAM C. DENNIS, Assistant Solicitor of the State Department at Washington.

SIXTH DAY, 26TH

- 7.45 A. M. DEVOTIONAL MEETING.
- 9.00 A. M. BUSINESS MEETING. Reports of Committees on Bible Schools, Peace, Temperance, Purity.
- 2.00 P. M. .PUBLIC MEETING FOR BIBLE SCHOOLS. WILBUR K. THOMAS, Chairman. Address by F. N. PELOUBET, D. D., Subject, "The Teacher and his Class."
- 3.30 P. M. BUSINESS MEETING. Reports of Committee on Correspondence and Board of Care and Relief.
- 7.45 P. M. PUBLIC MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY. PHEBE S. AYDELOTT of Fall River, President. Address on "The Golden Age of Missions" by MARY A. DANFORTH, formerly missionary in Japan for the M. E. Mission Board.

SEVENTH DAY, 27TH

- 7.45 A. M. DEVOTIONAL MEETING.
- 10.00 A. M. BUSINESS MEETING. Reports of Finance Committee of 1907, Recommendations of Finance Committee of 1908. Reports of Treasurer and Auditors.
- 2.00 P. M. BUSINESS MEETING OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.
- 2.00 P. M. PUBLIC MEETING FOR WORSHIP,
- 3.30 P. M. BUSINESS MEETING. Reports of Society of Christian Endeavor and of Committee on Mosher Fund. Unfinished Business.
- 7.45 P. M. PUBLIC MEETING OF SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR, MEAD A. KELSEY, President. Address by CHARLES M. WOODMAN of Portland, Me., Subject, "The Historical Excuse for Quakerism."

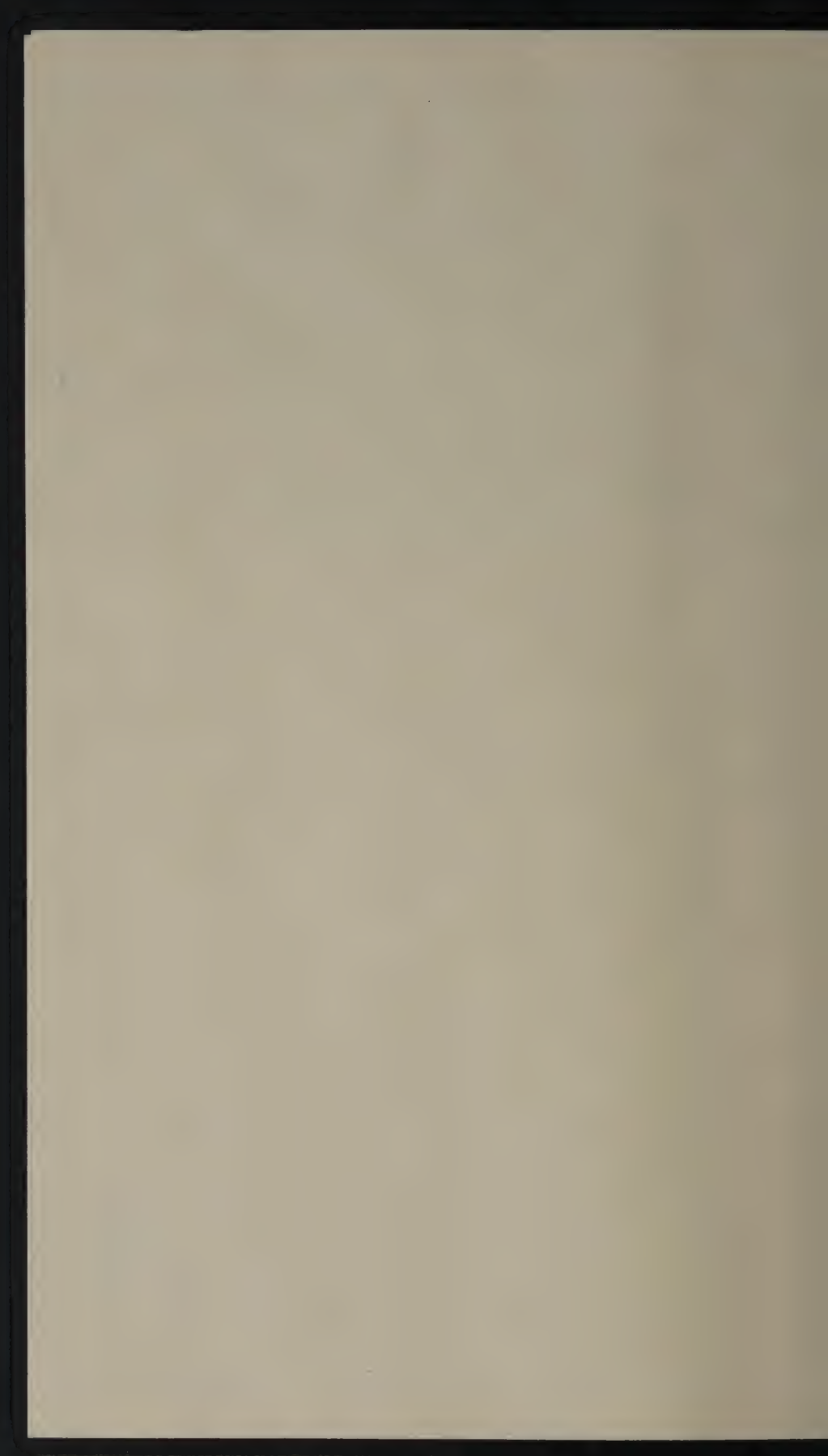
FIRST, DAY 28TH

- 8.45 A. M. BIBLE SCHOOL in charge of WILBUR K. THOMAS, Yearly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools.
- 10.30 A. M. { PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP.  
3.30 P. M. }
- 5.00 P. M. Address by PROF. ELIHU GRANT of Smith College, Subject, "The Salvation of the Children".
- 7.30 P. M. MEETING FOR WORSHIP.

SECOND DAY, 29TH

- 10.30 A. M. MEETING OF MOSES BROWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE for Awarding Scholarships.











At a Yearly Meeting of Friends  
on  
Ministry and Oversight  
held at Portland, Maine 6th mo. 22nd. 1909.

By accounts received from our several  
Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight it  
appears that the following friends have been  
appointed - as representatives to this meeting, viz.

Rhode Island

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| Phoebe S. Aydelott    | M. Augusta Battey |
| Charles A. Chace      | Adaline J. Chace  |
| George B. Evans       | Mary L. Macomber  |
| Isaac B. Macomber     | L. Oscar Moon     |
| Elizabeth A. Ezzford. |                   |

Salem

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| Anna W. Paige    | Anna M. Gove       |
| Lillah Birnie    | Charles H. Jones   |
| Wilbur K. Thomas | Louise A. Ellison. |

Sandwich

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| Susan T. Thompson    | William Thompson     |
| Edward L. Macomber   | Elizabeth A. Ezzford |
| Anna M. Goddard      | Elizabeth A. Ever    |
| William P. Macomber. |                      |

Falmouth

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| Charles M. Woodman | Narcissa S. Pinkham. |
| Thomas J. Ingram   | Myra E. Frye         |

Smithfield

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| Samuel A. Arnold | Nathan Babcock      |
| Sarah J. Swift   | Deborah P. Atherton |
| Earle J. Harold  | D. Wheeler Swift    |

Vassalboro

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| Frank E. Jones    | Flavilla S. Roberts |
| Mary E. Philbrook | George L. Jones     |
| Lydia T. Jones.   |                     |

Dover

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| John Howard      | John C. Nutter. |
| Almena B. Nutter | Julia E. Meader |



Fairfield

Hannah J. Bailey  
Elizabeth A. Taylor  
Martha B. Osborne

Arthur Jones  
Joseph E. Briggs  
J. Warren Hawkes.

Parsonsfield

No report

The names of the above representatives being called 30 responded. Minutes have been received from each of our Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight except Parsonsfield.

It is the desire of this meeting that our quarterly meetings report to us any changes that occur in their list of ministers, and the clerk of this meeting is requested to place such information on our records and to hand a copy of the same to the clerk of the yearly Meeting.

We have with us at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends in the ministry from other yearly Meetings as follows, - viz.

New York Yearly Meeting { Seneca H. Stevens,  
Alice E. Stevens

Indiana Yearly Meeting. - Robert W. Douglas

Iowa " " { William Carleton Wood  
Alice Cook Wood { Christian worker.

Kansas " " { John Riley  
Nettie Riley  
John F. Murdoch

These are cordially welcomed and we trust that the Holy Spirit may direct their services while with us. The clerk is directed to present their credentials to the clerk of the yearly Meeting.

The reading of the reports of the spiritual life and condition of our meetings next claimed our attention.

The following named friends are appointed to prepare a summary of the reports from our Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight to present at the afternoon session. George G. Williams, L. Oscar Moon, Chas. M. Woodman.

Adjourned to meet at three o'clock this afternoon.

Third day afternoon 6. 22-1910.

(#1) The meeting assembled according to adjournment. The names of representatives not present at the morning session were called. With those who responded this morning, of the 48 under appointment 35 are present and 13 absent.

(#3) The queries have been read at this time also a summary of the reports from the several Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight. We feel that our committee, in this carefully prepared report have been favored to present to us a very fair representation of the present state of our society. We are encouraged to move forward and to build upon the stepping stones of our past history a future which shall bring us to a higher plain of usefulness for the master.

(#2) Edward L. Macomber, on behalf of the representatives informed this meeting that they had conferred together and were united in proposing the names of George L. Jones as clerk and Clara W. Mumford as assistant clerk, which being united with they are appointed to these offices for one year.

In the absence of the clerk, the assistant clerk is requested to perform the duties of clerk for the sessions of this meeting during the yearly meeting.



The summary of the reports from our Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight as prepared by the committee is herewith given, which the clerk is directed to lay before the yearly meeting.

**Summary of the Reports of the Quarterly Meetings on  
Ministry and Oversight.**

The spiritual condition of our membership appears to be fairly well maintained, and two reports speak of growth in this particular.

Generally speaking, the attendance upon Public Worship appears to be much the same as a year ago, though one report speaks of some increase in attendance. One Quarterly Meeting believes the attendance is poor compared with the total membership, and this no doubt is a representative condition among us.

In many cases family devotions are believed to be "reverently observed," but the reports relating to this most important matter, if not entirely wanting, are often so vague as to create the impression that meetings are not well informed with regard to it.

There is no reported breach of right conduct among us, and one Quarterly Meeting speaks of the prevalence of a "sweet spirit of harmony."

The Bible School, Christian Endeavor work and work for children, appear to have been well maintained.

One new Bible School is reported, and there also appears to be a desire to co-operate in every proper way with other religious organizations.

When mentioned at all, the ministry is believed to be sound, spiritual and helpful, and one report speaks of it as manifesting study and prayerful devotion.

It would seem from the consensus of opinion expressed in the reports, and manifested in the meeting, that while the condition of Christian character and spiritual experience is not wanting, there is little evidence in many places of aggressive Christian activity, and no extensive effort to meet the needs of the weaker meetings.

Adjourned to meet on Fifth day morning at 8.45 o'clock

Fifth day morning 6th mo. 24th

The meeting convened according to adjournment.

We regret that our Minister's Circulating Library is so little used. The committee having the care of this library is requested to send out to the ministers and workers of our various meetings a circular letter calling attention to the library and its value in our work.

The following is an abstract of the ~~exercise~~ of the various sessions of our meeting, which the clerk is directed to lay before the Yearly Meeting.

#### Minute of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

As we have endeavored, during the three sessions of our Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to consider fairly the situation and the needs in our respective meetings, we have been led to feel that the present crisis can be met and our future usefulness in the Master's field be assured only through the individual faithfulness of each one of our members. The spirit of Jesus Christ, emanating from the lives of his disciples and drawing the world to Him should be the prevailing influence of every meeting of our society in New England. Individual work and consecration for service have been emphasized and we have been encouraged to make use of the gifts God has given us. A real desire to know the will of God and to be guided by Him has characterized our petitions.

As we have reviewed the past and looked forward into the future we have been encouraged to move forward, and to bring our meetings to a higher plane of usefulness for the Master. Our work will grow and be effectual, not by seeking to build up our own organization but by using all the means placed in our reach to increase our efficiency, striving with all our powers to bring the world to the Master's feet.

We gratefully acknowledge His presence which has overshadowed our sessions and pray that He may permeate our lives as we go to our fields of labor.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

CLARA W. MUMFORD, Clerk pro tem.

Portland, Maine, 6th Mo. 24th, 1909.

We now conclude purposing with Divine permission to meet again at the appointed time and place next year.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Clara W. Mumford

Clerk pro tem.



1910

# New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Providence R. I.

Sixth Month, twenty first 1910.

The clerk being absent Clara W. Mumford was appointed clerk pro. tem. and Myra D. Gifford assistant clerk.

From the minutes received from our several quarterly meetings on Ministry and Oversight we find that - the following friends are appointed to attend this meeting as representatives:-

## Rhode Island

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| Adeline F. Chace | E. Anna Tucker   |
| Hannah P. Ladd   | Anna F. Brown    |
| Mary C. Kimber   | Charles A. Chace |
| John C. Kimber   |                  |

## Salem

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| Anna M. Gore       | Susan H. Meader  |
| Jennie W. Croswan  | Charles H. Jones |
| Daniel C. Mayfield |                  |

## Sandwich

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| Oscar S. Mestrom | Elizabeth A. Gifford |
| Anna M. Goddard  |                      |

## Falmouth

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| Thomas J. Ingraham | Charles W. Woodman |
| Melvin W. Bailey   | Myra S. Frye       |
| Lettie M. Bailey   |                    |

## Smithfield

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| Hannah D. Wheeler    | Alice M. Dow     |
| Sarah J. Swift       | Samuel A. Arnold |
| Deborah P. Witherton | James S. Read    |
| Anna R. Cranston     |                  |

Vassalboro

Representatives appointed

Dover

John Howard  
Ellen Bangs

Samuel Buffum  
Eli Meader

Fairfield

John C. Taylor  
Arthur Jones

Mary W. Jones

Joseph E. Briggs

Martha B. Osborne

J. Warren Hawkes

Henry Winslow.

Parsonsfield

Phebe L. Pope

Melissa B. Dearborn

E. Adalbert Wood

The names of the above representatives being called, of the 41 under appointment - 29 responded.

By special request the following proposition of Eloise A. Hafford is laid before this meeting viz - that some plan be formulated by which an inspiration may be carried from the yearly meeting to each of our local meetings through an officially appointed representative.

This meeting heartily endorses her proposition and she is appointed to secure such assistance as she desires, formulate such a plan and present it to a future meeting.

Reports from each of our quarterly meetings concerning the spiritual life of their several meetings have been read at this time and the following committee is appointed to prepare a summary of these to present to our afternoon session. - Wilbur K. Thomas, Mabel G. Bailey, Oscar J. Moon.

Our clerk is directed to extend to Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight our regret that no representative from that body is with us, and to impress upon them the



importance of making such an appointment.  
It is the desire of this meeting that our General Committee on Ministry and Oversight be continued and the representatives are requested to present the required nominations at a future session.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

Clara W. Mumford Clerk pro. tem.

Third Day 3 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Daniel K. Maxfield, on behalf of the representatives informed this meeting that they had conferred together and were united in proposing the names of Clara W. Mumford for clerk and of Wilbur K. Thomas for assistant clerk and they are appointed to these offices for one year.

The queries have been read at this time also a summary of reports from our quarterly meetings as prepared by the committee. We believe that they have made a fair presentation of the situation as it appears from the reports received. As we have tried to face the situation in our meetings, we have realized the need of a deeper sense of personal responsibility.

May the burden of the work now laid upon us abide and bring forth fruit in more practical service by individuals.

This report is herewith given and the clerk is directed to lay it before the yearly meeting.

#### Summary of Reports on Ministry and Oversight.

Through the reports that have come to us this year, almost all our congregations seem to have confined themselves chiefly to the activities of the Bible Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies and Meetings for Worship, the W. C. T. U. and Y. M. C. A. being also mentioned. In these varied activities there is indicated a deep undercurrent of spirituality but there still seems to be a lack of definiteness in our work and of ability readily to accommodate ourselves to the needs of changing local conditions.

One notable feature of the reports this year is the growing appreciation of the value of the Bible School as an evangelizing and training agency.

The ministry, as reported, seems to be acceptable and an effort has been made to serve all our congregations with a ministry that is strong and edifying but we still feel that with this ministry, we touch but a small number of those for whom we are spiritually responsible.



We need to plan aggressively to secure a larger hearing for the Truth as Friends apprehend it. We should be the masters of routine not its slaves and should make it serve our purpose to "preach the Gospel to every creature."

We note with satisfaction the coming of workers from outside our limits but feel that we should be able also to develop from among our own membership, a strong, well-trained, intelligent leadership that can enlist our members at large in the service of our Master. Only three reports mention additions to the membership but we are sure that others might have done the same. It is our judgment that with consecrated leaders and members loyal to the truth we may in many ways mark advance during the coming year.

For the Committee,

L. OSCAR MOON.

Adjourned to meet on Fifth day morning.

Clara W. Mumford. Clerk.

Fifth Day 6th mo. 25th, 1910

The meeting assembled according to adjournment.

The following minute from the Yearly Meeting is laid before us.

To the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Dear Friends: - The Yearly Meeting at its session last evening passed the following minute which is herewith submitted to your meeting - viz -

"The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight is authorized to take charge of the arrangements for the use of spiritual gifts and the public meetings for worship, appointing from their number a Gospel Committee to have entire charge of this important service."

Chas. M. Woodman

Recording Clerk,

We are impressed with the importance of wisdom and a gift of spiritual discernment on the part of such a committee and after prayerful consideration it is decided to ask our General Committee on Ministry and Oversight to constitute a nominating committee to retire for consultation and present to this meeting later in



the session a list of names to constitute a committee on Gospel Service.

The following names have been presented and they are duly appointed to that service for one year, viz

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| Timothy B. Hussey  | John S. Kimber  |
| Jennie W. Croftman | John H. Meader. |
| Clarence M. Case   |                 |

Eloise A. Hafford informs us at this time that she has attended to her appointment and has prepared a communication for the yearly Meeting, which she presents at this time. This is endorsed by this meeting and the clerk is directed to sign the same and forward it to the yearly Meeting. - a copy of the minute is herewith given. -

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:—New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight desires to bring before you the following proposition, viz:—That an official delegate be sent by this Yearly Meeting to each individual meeting within our limits, whose object shall be to carry to the meeting a report of the work of the Yearly Meeting, emphasizing the spirit of Christian Fellowship, the helpfulness and inspiration which attends our gatherings.

Notice shall be sent by this meeting, giving the names of such delegates and asking the meeting to co-operate in such arrangements as shall be necessary to bring the report of our work before the various congregations.

It is desired that special meetings for this purpose shall be appointed which shall in some measure be of a social nature. Where this cannot be done the report shall come before the regular First Day Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

CLARA W. MUMFORD, Clerk.

Clarence Case has laid before us at this time a desire that we as a body recognize in an especial manner the interests of our younger people. This meeting heartily approves of his concern and in accordance with a proposition made by him we have appointed

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| Timothy B. Hussey | Mary Kimber   |
| Clarence M. Case  | Anna Williams |
| Arthur Jones      |               |

a committee to confer with the young people and to make such suggestion to this meeting as may seem best to them. Since time is not sufficient to complete the business it is decided to adjourn for a future session.

adjourned to meet at the call of







Report of the Committee on Ministers Library:-

During the last year the following books have been added to the library, the gift of Deborah P. Atherton.

The True Church. Dulles.

The Theology of the New Testament. Adeney.

Moses, the Servant of God. Meyer.

David. Meyer.

Joseph. Meyer.

Elijah. Meyer.

Love to the Uttermost, an Exposition of John 13-21.

The Life and Light of Men, an Exposition of John 1-12.

Life and Times of Jesus, the Messiah. 2 vols. Edeishein.

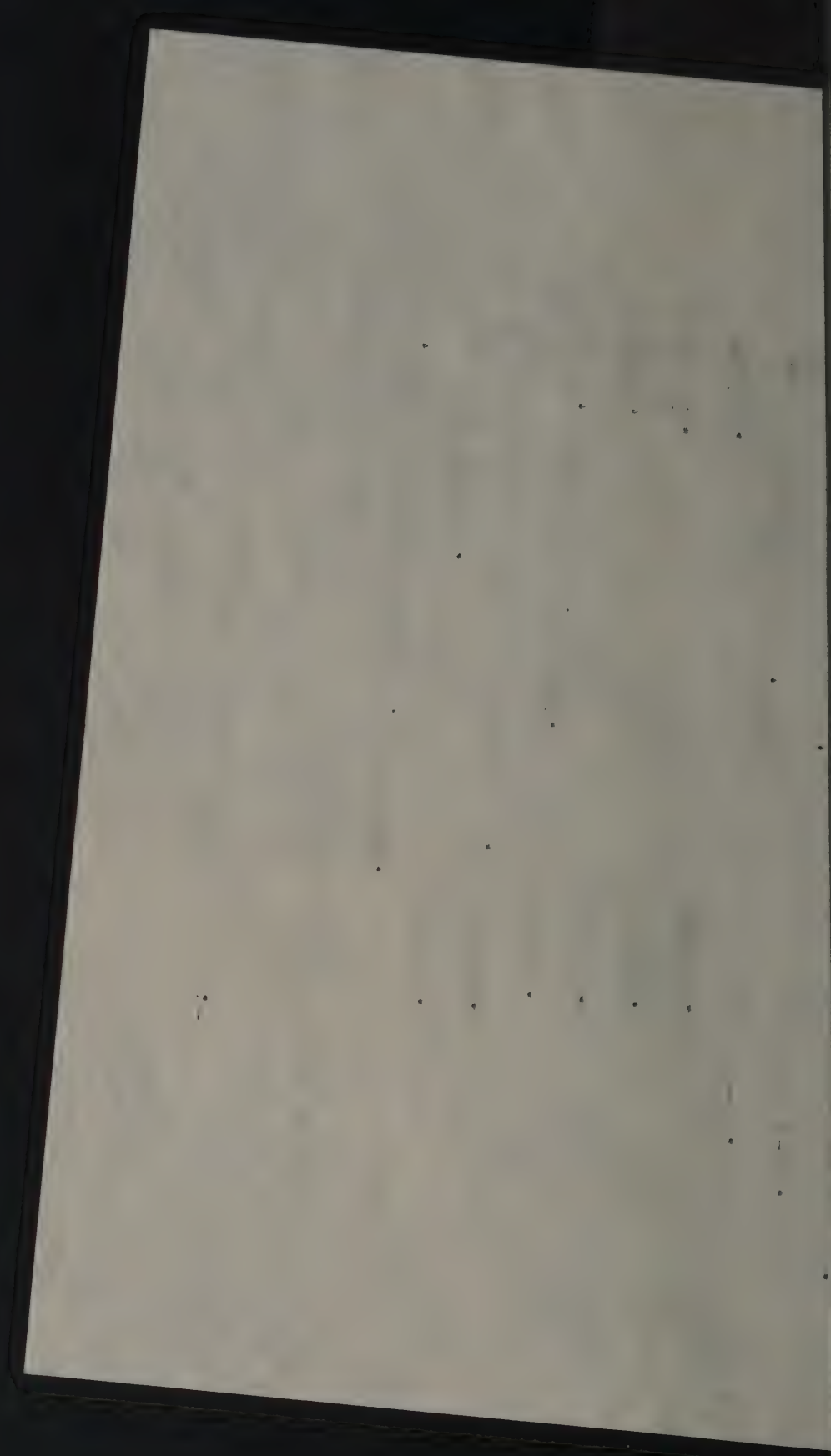
Thirteen books have been taken from the library, three are still out, one is missing.

It has been recommended that the attention of the Ministers of New England Yearly Meeting should be called to the general theological library, 53 Mt Vernon Street, Boston, Mass. This large library is available for any ministers in New England, and, because of its endowment pays the postage on the books both ways. From this library any minister in New England can obtain almost any book that he may wish. Phebe Aydelott suggests that, since this library is open to any Minister of New England Yearly Meeting, the books in the Minister's library be sold at a nominal price to any Ministers or Workers in attendance at this session of Yearly Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances E. Wheeler, Librarian.





the committee of arrangements.

Seventh day P. M. 6th mo. 25th 1810  
Met according to adjournment.

The report of the committee having the care of the minister's library has been read at this time. It is accepted.

After considering the suggestions and recommendations therein contained, it is the decision of the meeting that the whole matter be left in the hands of the library committee, authorizing them to make such arrangements as may seem best to them and report to the meeting next year.

Charles M. Woodman and Wilbur K. Thomas are appointed members of that committee for three years.

Our General Committee on Ministry and Oversight now under appointment is as follows.

**General Committee on Ministry and Oversight.**

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| <i>For one year.</i>    |                                      |
| John H. Meader,         | Oscar G. Mostrom, Jennie W. Crosman. |
| <i>For two years.</i>   |                                      |
| Thomas W. Battey,       | I. Warren Hawkes, Eloise A. Hafford. |
| <i>For three years.</i> |                                      |
| Rufus M. Jones,         | Hannah J. Bailey, Alvano C. Goddard. |

A correct list of the recorded ministers of our yearly meeting has been secured by the clerk and is herewith recorded on our books as directed by this meeting last year. The clerk is requested to place this list before the yearly meeting.



## Ministers and Meetings.

### RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING.

PORTSMOUTH. — Samuel Hodges, Portsmouth, R. I.

NEWPORT. — John S. Kimber, Newport, R. I.; Mary E. Kimber, Newport, R. I.; Annie C. Sherman, 129 Sewall St., Augusta, Me.

EAST GREENWICH, R. I. — Anna Frances Brown, East Greenwich, R. I.; E. Annah Tucker, East Greenwich, R. I.; Wm. H. Perry, Wakefield, R. I.

ANTHONY. —

SWANSEA. —

FALL RIVER, NORTH MAIN STREET. — Henry C. Aydelott, 344 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass.; Phebe S. Aydelott, 344 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass.; L. Oscar Moon, 30 June St., Fall River, Mass.

FREETOWN. — Nancy A. H. Chace, Centreville, Mass.

FALL RIVER, STAFFORD ROAD. —

PROVIDENCE, R. I. — William Henry Butler, 71 Tenth Street, Providence, R. I.; Clarence M. Case, Moses Brown School, Providence, R. I.; Thomas J. Battey, Moses Brown School, Providence, R. I.

SAYLESVILLE. — Thomas Y. Jackson, Lime Rock, R. I.

### SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING.

BOSTON. — Benjamin F. Trueblood, 31 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.; George A. Barton, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Wilbur K. Thomas, Roxbury, Mass.

LYNN. — Isom P. Wooten, Hilldale Rd., Lansdowne, Pa.; Joseph G. Smith, Swampscott, Mass.; Murray L. Kenworthy, 44 Ireson Ave., Lynn, Mass.; Mary Miars Harold, Indianapolis, Ind.

EAST LYNN. — George G. Williams, 14 Beach Ave., Swampscott, Mass.

SALEM. —

LAWRENCE. — Stephen Swett, Ayers Village, Haverhill, Mass.

AMESBURY. — Gertrude W. Cartland, Amesbury, Mass.; Charles H. Jones, Amesbury, Mass.; H. Elizabeth Jones, Amesbury, Mass.; Lydia E. Jenkins, Amesbury, Mass.

NORTH WEARE, N. H. — Harriet N. Jones, North Weare, N. H.; Alice C. Winslow, North Weare, N. H. Charles H. Thorndike, Concord, N. H.

MANCHESTER, N. H. —

SOUTH PITTSFIELD, N. H. —

HENNIKER, N. H. — Stephen Breed, Henniker, N. H.

ELPPING, N. H. —

### SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING.

NEW BEDFORD. — William Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.; Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.; Rebecca H. Smiley, Redlands, Cal.; Augustus T. Murray, Leland Stanford University, Cal.; Alvano C. Goddard, New Bedford, Mass.; Eloise A. Hafford, New Bedford, Mass.

SMITH'S NECK. —

LONG PLAIN. —

ALLEN'S NECK. — Charles W. Goddard, Dartmouth, Mass.; Jane G. Fisher, Lisbon Falls, Maine.

MATTAPOISETT. —

WESTPORT. —

CENTRAL VILLAGE. —

ACUSHNET. —

FAIRHAVEN. — William P. Macomber, Fairhaven, Mass.

SANDWICH. — Oscar G. Mostrom, Spring Hill, Mass.

WEST FALMOUTH. — Elam Henderson, Jamaica, West Indies; Dr. James F. Cooper, Falmouth, Mass.

SO. YARMOUTH. —

FALMOUTH QUARTERLY MEETING.

FOREST AVENUE, PORTLAND, ME. — Myra E. Frye, 142 Ocean Avenue, Woodfords, Maine.

OAK STREET, PORTLAND, ME. — Sarah W. Newlin, Woodfords, Me.; Charles M. Woodman, Portland, Maine.

SOUTH DURHAM. — Emma M. Newell, Brunswick, Maine; Edward Hacker, Brunswick, Maine; Albert F. Minot, South Durham, Maine.

WINDHAM. — Elijah Cook, South Windham, Maine; Thomas J. Ingram, South Windham, Maine.

LEWISTON. — George H. Farr, Spokane, Wash.

CASCO. —

SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.

WORCESTER. — John Metcalfe, 9 Wayne St., Worcester, Mass.; Henry D. Swift, 16 Channing St., Worcester, Mass.; Henry Herbert Goddard, Vineland, N. J.; Earle J. Harold, 33 Baker St., Worcester, Mass.; Mary Elma Richardson, Southbridge, Mass.

BOLTON. — Lydia B. Dow, Bolton, Mass.; Alice M. Dow, Bolton, Mass.; Albert Syze, Bolton, Mass.

WOONSOCKET. — Leander Fisher, Woonsocket, R. I.

VASSALBORO QUARTERLY MEETING.

EAST VASSALBORO. —

EAST BENTON. — Marquis L. Thomas, East Benton, Maine.

CHINA. — Flavilla S. Roberts, China, Maine.

SOUTH CHINA. — Frank E. Jones, South China, Maine; Annie M. Ray, South China, Me.; Sarah E. Varney, Portland, Me.; Rufus M. Jones, Haverford, Pa.; Linwood W. Jones, South China, Maine.

MAPLE GROVE. — Osborne J. Hoffman, Fort Fairfield, Maine.

UNITY. — George M. Jones, North Etna, Maine.

VASSALBORO (OAK GROVE). — George H. Pope, Vassalboro, Maine; Wilbur A. Estes, China.

BROOKS. — Sarah J. Cole, Brooks, Maine.

WEST CHINA. —

DOVER QUARTERLY MEETING.

DOVER. — Joel Bean, San Jose, Cal.

ROCHESTER. — Anna Maria Evans, Rochester, N. H.; John Howard, Rochester, N. H.

GONIC. — Charles E. Peaslee, Gonic, N. H.

FAIRFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.

WINTHROP CENTER. — Sarah V. Winslow, Winthrop Center, Maine; Arthur Jones, Winthrop Center, Maine; Alpheus Trueblood, Selma, Ohio.

MANCHESTER. — I. Warren Hawkes, Manchester, Maine.

WEST GARDINER. — Martha B. Osborne, Hallowell, Maine, R. F. D. No. 8.

AUGUSTA. — Phebe M. Wadsworth, 4 Bridge St., Portsmouth, N. H.; James M. Estes, Augusta, Maine; Exie Estes, Augusta, Maine.

NO. FAIRFIELD. — Orlando G. Williams, Oakland, Maine, R. F. D. No. 35.

SIDNEY. —

ST. ALBANS. — Albert Smith, Hallowell, Maine.

PARSONSFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.

EAST PARSONSFIELD. — Phebe L. Pope, East Parsonsfeld, Maine; Luther E. Dearborn, Eaton Corner, N. H.

NORTH SANDWICH, N. H. — S. Adelbert Wood, Yarmouth, N. H., R. F. D.; Eleanor D. Wood, The Eliot, Wellesley, Mass.



An abstract of the exercise of our various sessions is herewith given. The clerk is directed to lay this before the yearly meeting.

#### Minute of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

As we have been permitted to again assemble for our annual meeting on ministry and oversight, an earnest petition has ascended from our hearts that we may be filled with the power for more efficient service, which shall bring to our work greater results. We have been forcefully reminded by burdened hearts to remember that in seeking great blessings it is our business to *receive*, that we may *impart*.

We are grateful to find among our number so many of our dear Friends whose steps are tending toward the sunset days of life. Bearing evidence of battles fought and victories won, these lives stand forth in our midst, as peaks above the clouds, inspiring us to greater courage and stronger faith. We rejoice to count among our number so many whose lives are yet before them. This body is deeply exercised that such as these may find it their highest pleasure to gird on the armor, take up the burdens of the church and rejoice in lifting the world towards Christ.

We believe that the spirit of brotherly love abides with us as we work together, both young and old, each filling his place in the broad harvest field of the Master.

We are grateful for the spiritual exercise which pervades our gatherings. We feel our hearts united in a desire for greater effectiveness, broader usefulness and more far reaching results.

In reviewing our work and looking forward into the future, we believe that a deeper sense of individual responsibility should lead us to more practical and definite lines of work. We need to look, not at glittering generalities, but actual fact in considering our various fields of labor.

Let us face the questions of life in a worthy manner, seeking not simply to build up our own organization but to implant in the hearts of our fellow men the spirit of Him who "went about doing good."

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

CLARA W. MUMFORD, Clerk.

All business before us being accomplished we conclude; purposing, with Divine permission to meet again at the appointed time and place.

Clara W. Mumford Clerk.

New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Church  
held at Providence R. I. 1 20 1877.

The representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows:

|              |                     |                                 |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| R. I.        | Charles C. Place    | Christopher A. Shippee          |
|              | John S. Kimber      | Marianna H. Chase               |
|              | William H. Butler   | James M. Estes                  |
|              | W. Augusta Batley   | E. Anna Tucker Thomas J. Batley |
|              | Charles H. Jones    | Laura A. Ellison                |
| Salem        | Susan H. Meader     | Elizabeth S. Newton             |
|              | Lancel C. Maxfield  | Carrie S. Buffinton             |
|              | Elizabeth H. Jones  |                                 |
|              | Edward L. Macomber  | Eloise A. Hafford               |
| Dorchester   | William P. Macomber | Sarah K. Holmes                 |
|              | Susan J. Thompson   | Mary Abby Swift                 |
|              | Charles W. Toddard  | Elizabeth C. Ewer               |
|              | Charles M. Woodman  | Albert H. Jones                 |
| Barnstable   | Lucy A. Jones       | Albert F. Minot                 |
|              | Thomas J. Ingraham  |                                 |
|              | Samuel A. Arnold    | Nathan Babcock                  |
| Smithfield   | Carle S. Harold     | Mary J. Smith                   |
|              | Samuel W. Jones     | Perry B. Leach                  |
| Carrollboro  | Albert A. Bailey    |                                 |
|              | John C. Mutter      | Walter S. Meader                |
| Roxbury      | Almena B. Mutter    |                                 |
|              | J. Warren Hawkes    | Mabel S. Bailey                 |
| Fairfield    | Hannah J. Bailey    | Martha B. Osborne               |
|              | Joseph E. Briggs    | Clara W. Munford                |
|              | Mary W. Jones       |                                 |
| Parsonsfield | Ed. Albert Wood     | Phoebe L. Pope                  |

Thirty three of whom are present.

We have with us at this time our Friends in the Ministry from other yearly meetings as follows.

|                |                    |            |                     |
|----------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|
| New York       | Seneca H. Stevens  | Indiana    | John L. Kittrell    |
|                | Alice E. Stevens   |            | Milo Hinckle        |
| Bu. tione      | Horner J. Coppick  |            | Carl Neal (worker)  |
|                |                    | Iowa       | Clarence Case       |
| North Carolina | London Hobbs       |            | Jefferson Ford      |
|                | and wife           |            | John Farr Ford      |
|                |                    | California | Charles E. Lettette |
| Ohio           | Edward Mott        |            | Mary A. Lettette    |
|                | Robert W. Douglass |            | Anne Keen ally      |



There are cordially welcomed and we desire that they may be able to bring to open hearts the message for which the Master has sent them. The Clerk is directed to present their minutes to the yearly Meeting.

The reports from our Quarterly Meetings concerning the spiritual life of our various congregations have been read at this time. The following committee is appointed to prepare a summary of these reports and present to a future session: - Oscar G. Mostrom, Mary E. Kimber, Wilbur K. Thomas, Elizabeth C. Ewer, J. Warren Hawkes.

20<sup>th</sup> Adjournd to meet at two o'clock.

Clara W. Mumford clerk

The meeting assembled according to adjournment.

The names of representatives not present at the morning session being called three responded, making of the forty eight under appointment a total of thirty six that are present.

Edward L. Macomber, one of the representatives presented the names of Clara W. Mumford for clerk and Wilbur K. Thomas for assistant clerk, which being united with they are appointed to these offices for one year. They also propose the following names to serve on the General Committee on Ministry and Oversight for three years: - Oscar G. Mostrom, John H. Meader, Jennie W. Crossman. with which this meeting unites and they are appointed to that service. The General Committee on Ministry, and Oversight is requested to retire at this time and present the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Gospel Service. This has been done and the following names are proposed by them to constitute such a committee. Timothy B. Hussey, John H. Meader, Jennie W. Crossman, Frances E. Wheeler, J. Shober Kimber with which this meeting unites and they are duly appointed. The queries have been read also a summary of the reports from our quarterly meetings as prepared by the committee. a copy of which will appear in the printed minutes for this year.

The Committee having the care of the Minister's library univith submit its report, which is accepted.

"Our Committee on Circulating Library reports that it has placed the books under its care in the

Camilla Chace Davenport. The clerks are directed to express to these friends by a letter signed on our behalf, our thanks and appreciation of this gift.

20. Reports have been read of the Moses Brown School Committee, the Real Estate Committee, the Board of Managers of Oak Grove Seminary, the Committee on Education, and the Freedmen's Committee, all of which has been accepted. Our educational interests thus presented we feel to be of great importance.

#### Report of the Moses Brown School.

The Moses Brown School Committee present their ninety-second annual report:—

The School year opened under particularly favorable auspices. The number enrolled was larger than at the opening of any term in recent years—217. That number increased till at the close 235 were registered, making this year's School the largest in its history. Every seat in the Lower School and in the Boys School room has been occupied.

Far sighted conservative management has resulted in this continual normal growth, and has gained for the School a well merited reputation for its excellence in instruction, and its high aims in real character building. A class of twenty came from the lower School to the upper School this year.



Summary of Reports on Ministry and Oversight.

1911

Our report must necessarily be brief, because of the brevity of some of the reports sent in, but we find that there is an optimistic tone to the reports as a whole. A number of the meetings report that the spiritual life of the congregations is good, and in many instances a distinct improvement.

Special meetings have been held, some of them in connection with other Evangelical Churches, which indicate a splendid spirit of co-operation, which is always helpful.

Family devotions are generally observed, but many of our families still need this valuable aid for the fostering and encouragement of spiritual life.

Bible school and Endeavor work is increasing in interest in many of the meetings.

A study class, on the principles of Quakerism, has proved to be a distinct help in one meeting, and another reports that the indifference of some members retard their work.

The conditions as we find them reveal the necessity of individual and concerted activity on the part of the membership, and clearly show that the church to be growing and vital must seek, not primarily to minister to itself, but to those beyond.

The reports that speak of definite conversions and additions to the church gladden our hearts.

For the Committee,

OSCAR G. MOSTROM.

Library at Oak Grove Seminary. We are urged by them to make free use of the Minister's Library in Boston.

This committee is continued for one year and is requested to make some definite disposal of the library and report at our next yearly meeting.

This committee is also asked to formulate some plan by which our members may make practical use of the General Theological Library in Boston.

As we bring to a close our sessions of another year it is with a feeling of thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His continued mercies to us. We feel that we have not met in vain. Our hearts have been stirred with resolutions to greater faithfulness and a desire for greater efficiency in the Master's vineyard.

The business before us being accomplished we separate purposing, with Divine permission to meet again at the appointed time and place next year -

Clara W. Mumford clerk.

New-England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Oak Grove Seminary Vassalboro, Maine 6 25 1912.

The following named representatives have been appointed to attend this meeting:

|              |                     |                      |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Rhode Island | John S. Kimber      | Avenath Yellow       |
|              | Charles A. Chace    | Alvan S. Mestrom     |
|              | Louisa W. Meader    | Charles Estes        |
|              | Sarah J. Hanson     | Adeline F. Clance    |
| Salem        | Charles H. Jones    | Anna W. Page         |
|              | H. Elizabeth Jones  | Wilbur K. Thomas     |
|              | Daniel C. Mayfield  | Lindsey S. Jones     |
|              | Ellen W. Mayfield   | Geniel W. Crossman   |
|              | Elizabeth W. Swan   |                      |
| Sandwich     | William P. Macomber | George R. Wood       |
|              | Charles W. Eddard   | Elizabeth A. Eildard |
|              | Elizabeth C. Ewer   |                      |
| Salmon       | Charles W. Woodman  | Henry F. Newell      |
|              | Mary E. Hawkes      | Arborea J. Hoffmann  |
|              | Myra E. Frie        |                      |



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| Smithfield   | { J. Farland Randolph<br>Harry R. Hole<br>Sarah J. Swift-                        | Samuel A. Arnold.<br>Emma Randolph                      |
| Vassalboro   | { Elizabeth K. Jones<br>Perry B. Leach   | Elam Henderson<br>Flavilla S. Roberts                   |
| Dover        | { Timothy B. Hussey<br>Almena Mitter   | Clarence J. Pinkham<br>John C. Mitter                   |
| Fairfield    | { O. Warren Hawkes<br>Joseph E. Briggs<br>Phebe W. Wadsworth<br>Hannah J. Bailey | W. Carleton Wood<br>Clara W. Mumford<br>Willis H. Wing. |
| Parsonsfield | { Phebe L. Pope<br>Martha E. Hony  | S. Adelbert Wood  |

There are with us at this time visiting Friends from other yearly meetings as follows: - Ministers -

New York - Mary J. Weaver, settled in our limits but not yet members with us. -

J. Farland Randolph }  
Emma Randolph } Worcester

Harry R. Hole - Monrochel -

W. Carleton Wood Wintthrop Center

William T. Boyce Lynn

Christian Workers - not yet ministers, -

Dublin - Ernest Lamb Nebraska { Fred C. Lebert  
Charles W. Musner

Kansas - Kirby Bower Oregon Percy Macy.

We welcome these friends as God's messengers. We believe their presence and labors will bring an addition of spiritual power to our yearly Meeting. The clerk is directed to forward their minutes to the yearly meeting.

The Queries have been read and considered. The following committee is appointed to prepare a summary on the state of Society, - Oscar S. Mostrom, Mary S. Page, Mary W. Jones & Elizabeth A. Zifford.  
This committee is requested to give a summary of the exercises of our Ministry and Oversight sessions, also to give a brief account of the Conference of Ministers and workers held last evening. The reports from our nine Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight; upon the state of Society, have been read and considered.

Different phases of the work have been impressively laid before us. Individual effort, whether great or small resulting from Divine inspiration, has been urged.

Minute on State of Society.

1912

The spiritual condition of our members as reported in the accounts is for the most part encouraging, and there is a good degree of life and earnestness for the things of the spirit.

The interest created by the men and religion forward movement has had a decided effect upon some sections of our society, and it has aroused some of the men of the membership to try to discover new ways of promoting the life and work of the church.

The meetings for worship on First day morning in most parts of our field are well attended by the members, and in some meetings by a good number of members and by strangers. Almost everywhere the mid-week meetings are reported to be small, though they are often occasions of spiritual comfort and help to the faithful few who are present.

Family worship is pretty generally observed in the homes of our members, though there are some who do not realize how important the practice is for fostering the spiritual life, both of the children and of those who are older in years and experience. In some of our meetings systematic efforts have been made by the Pastoral Committee to make pastoral visits upon all the members, and in a few instances this helpful service has been widened to include other homes than those of Friends. We have reports also of visits made to small meetings and of help and encouragement extended to small and isolated groups of Friends. A good many special meetings have been held and considerable work done toward awakening neighborhoods and bringing the unsaved to Christ.

Some of our meetings are awake to the importance of aggressive mission work in the home field both among our native population and among the foreign immigrants of many nationalities, but the greatest need of our meetings is to become thoroughly acquainted with their own immediate field, appreciate the number of persons dependent upon them for all the human spiritual guidance they will ever have, and feel the call to minister not simply to ourselves, but to all the needs and interests of the communities where our meetings are located.



Having been so instructed by the Meeting on Ministry and Overseers, we include in this report an outline of the conference for ministers and workers, held Second day evening, Sixth Month, 24th.

Tom A. Sykes, who is doing pastoral work within the limits of Southwick Quarterly Meeting read a paper on Community Work in Rural Districts, and was followed by Charles M. Woodman of Portland, on Work in Cities. These addresses were followed by brief extemporaneous exhortations by others in the audience. The note sounded forth in these utterances, which seemed to have the unanimous support of those present, of no uncertain sound. It was clearly set forth that we need to find a point of contact with men, regardless of their station in life, and if we can be reached through the means of activities of a social character, we can show that we have an active interest in their social as well as spiritual well being, it is right and proper to make use of these means. In these things we must have an eye single to the conversion of sinners and the upbuilding of the church, not for any ecclesiastical advancement but in the much larger spirit which seeks to lift up the whole community regardless of any particular denomination, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Rhode Island reports an efficient ministry. No material change in attendance on public worship, but several features in Christian activity.

SALEM — Work progressing on usual lines. Regrets the removal of several of its best ministers and workers, but is facing the future with hope and trust.

FALMOUTH — A willing spirit and idealistic, even when conditions of body and mind hamper the realization — spiritual aspirations and help in coöperation. They suffer from a loss of many members by death and removal and a lack in others of spiritual leadership. These things are ever offset by renewed interest on the part of the young people.

SMITHFIELD — Sabbath morning meetings and Bible Schools very well attended. In one meeting new auxiliary societies have been formed to promote the social as well as the spiritual welfare of the community. This report also speaks of a development in the vital knowledge of the truth. The members show a loving spirit one to another.

A communication from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is received, asking our approval of a minute, passed by the yearly meeting for <sup>service</sup> ~~removing~~ William and Saml. Thompson - for ~~work~~ <sup>service</sup> within the limits of Sandwich and Kibbaw yearly meetings. This meeting endorses the request - of New Bedford Monthly Meeting and Sandwich quarterly meeting and forwards the information to the yearly meeting.

Adjourned to meet at three o'clock this afternoon -  
C. W. Mumford, Secy.

Met according to adjournment.

The names of Representatives not present at the morning session being called we find that of the fifty under appointment fourty are present.

The representatives report that they are united in proposing the names of Clara W. Mumford for clerk and Wilbur K. Thomas for assistant clerk for the coming year. Their proposition meets the approval of the meeting and they are duly appointed.

The following names are proposed, by them to serve on the General Committee on Ministry and Oversight for three years: - Thomas J. Batley, O. Warren Hawkes, Eloise A. Hafford.

The General Committee on Ministry and Oversight present the following names to constitute a Committee on Gospel Service for one year.

Timothy B. Hussey, Jennie W. Croswan, Oscar S. Mottrom  
Alfred W. Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey.

Thomas Wood ex officio as Superintendent of Evangelistic and Church Extension work.

These names are approved by this meeting and they are duly appointed to that office.

The committee appointed to prepare a summary on the state of Society presents the following.

— (See slip from printed minutes) which is approved by the meeting and the clerk is directed to lay the same before the yearly meeting.

The committee having the care of the Circulating Library report that no meeting of the committee has been held, and that the books are still in the



library at Oak Grove Seminary. The committee is requested to donate the library where in their judgment it will be most appreciated.

During these sessions our hearts have been bound together in a spirit of Christian service. Our faith has been strengthened, and our confidence in the power and wisdom of Almighty God has received an impetus.

May the Christianity which we represent, in the future be more practical, more uplifting and more spiritual.

The business before us being accomplished we separate, purposing, with Divine permission to meet again at the appointed time and place.

Clara W. Mumford Clerk.

Sixth month twenty fifth, nineteen hundred and twelve.

( 25 1912. )











